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LINDSEY GRAHAM 1955-2026

Washington in shock as Senate stalwart dies suddenly at 71

DEATH OF A PATRIOT

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Lindsey Graham (R-SC) died Saturday night of a ruptured aorta brought on by chronic heart disease, according to the preliminary findings of the DC medical examiner's office released yesterday.

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Look who's talking

Pol who ripped Platner enlisted sex offender

By CARL CAMPANILE

An upstate House candidate pontificated about the Epstein files and a would-be politician's assault scandal despite hitting the campaign trail alongside his registered sex offender brother-in-law, The Post has learned.

Democrat Aaron Gies, who's looking to unseat two-term Republican Rep. Nick Langworthy, was assisted by his brother-in-law Christopher Nathan White, a former North Carolina teacher convicted on rape and sex offense charges involving two teen students — who allegedly shot video at a winter "Polar Plunge" event.

"He was there," Gies told The Post Sunday of the campaign plunge event that unfolded Dec. 26, 2025.

"Chris is not part of my campaign," he added, noting that White "did his time" for his crime.

Gies called the situation a "distraction" from his push for better healthcare and housing opportunities.

"I have not been accused of any criminal wrongdoing and have not covered up criminal wrongdoing on the part of others," the candidate said.

Gies, a theology professor at St. Bonaventure University, had gotten on his high horse last week and urged Maine Senate candidate Graham Platner to drop his election bid due to claims of rape and sexual assault. He also slammed Langworthy for allegedly using his position on the House Oversight Committee to block "accountability for people in the Epstein files."

But those comments came after his brother-in-law appeared at his own campaign event, despite doing five years behind bars after he was convicted of one count of rape and two counts of sex offense against two students, ages 15 and 17.

On the registry

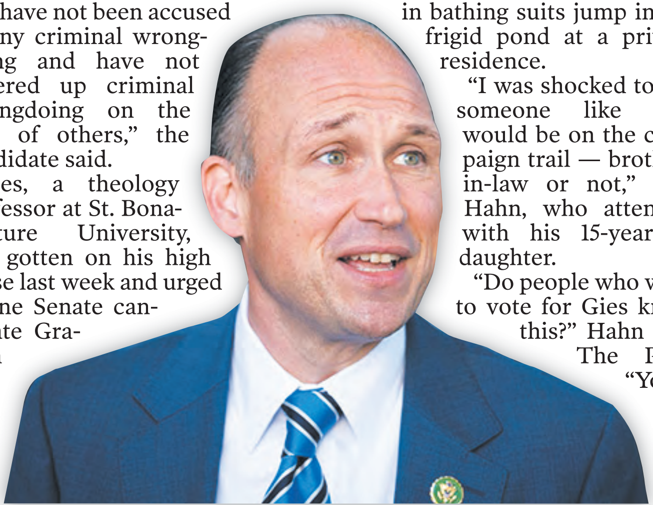
White moved to New York after getting out of prison and now works at a veterinary clinic run by Gies' wife and his sister in Olean.

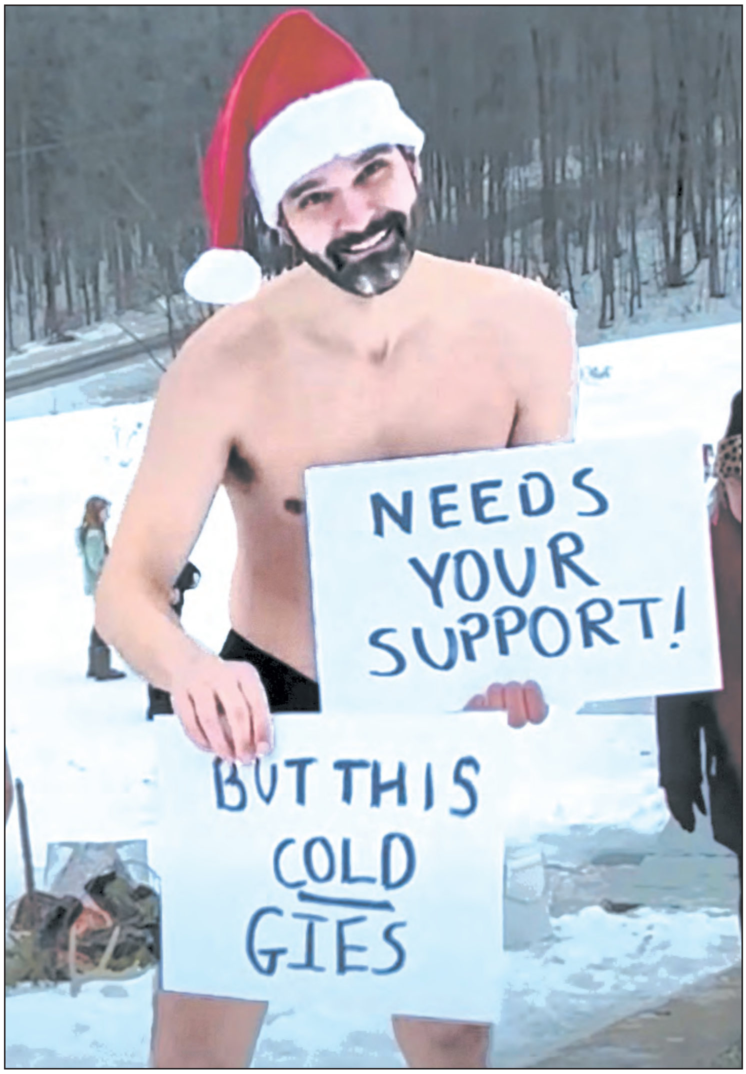
He's listed as a Level 2 Sex Offender in the state Division of Criminal Justice Services' Sex Offender Registry.

Retired Marine Chris Hahn, who attended the polar plunge event, said he felt uneasy when he found out who shot the video at the fundraiser, which saw participants in bathing suits jump into a frigid pond at a private residence.

"I was shocked to see someone like that would be on the campaign trail — brother-in-law or not," said Hahn, who attended with his 15-year-old daughter.

"Do people who want to vote for Gies know this?" Hahn told The Post. "You don't have a leg to stand on. You're not setting a good example."





Facebook/Aaron Gies/Zuma Press

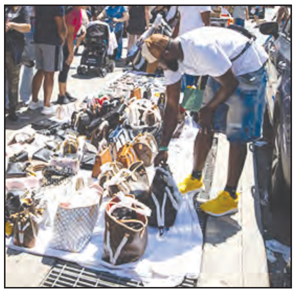
POT MEET KETTLE: Aaron Gies (above) had his sex offender brother-in-law film a campaign video at a December "Polar Plunge" event as the upstate Democrat looks to unseat Rep. Nick Langworthy (inset).

Langworthy, the Republican incumbent, unloaded on Gies for bad judgment.

"To bring a convicted sex offender and someone guilty of 2nd degree rape of a minor to campaign events is deeply, deeply disturbing and shows an alarming lack of judgment for any adult, let alone someone seeking public office," Langworthy told The Post.

"As members of Congress, we have an enormous responsibility to put in place laws that protect victims and children, not put them at risk."

Gies is looking to unseat Langworthy in New York's 23rd Congressional District that includes a large swath of Buffalo suburbs.



CANAL STREET
Business as usual.

Canal St. raid – & faux what

It's an endless game of cat-and-mouse.

NYPD cops on Sunday launched their latest raid on the illegal open-air marketplace of counterfeits that has long turned Canal Street into an unsightly nightmare — but skeptical brick-and-mortar businesses say it won't change a thing.

"They're going to go wherever they get their stuff and set it right back up in five minutes," the manager of a neighborhood beauty salon told The Post.

Occasional police raids force illicit merchants to high-tail it when the cops show up to confiscate their ill-gotten goods — only for the unscrupulous sidewalk peddlers to set up shop again when the coast is clear.

Police swarmed in again Sunday, clearing out sidewalk stands and seizing stolen and counterfeit goods being sold on the sidewalk, in some cases just feet away from businesses the merchandise was swiped from.

The illicit peddlers seemed unconcerned as the items were confiscated, while others fled and waited nearby — the same routine that has unfolded countless times over more than two years.

Just 30 minutes after the raid, they were set up and back in business.*Fenix Suriel*

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'Genius' dug up after 1,600 years

Archaeologists unearthed a Roman Empire-era "guardian spirit" sculpture that was hidden under an ancient military site in the English countryside for 1,600 years.

The sandstone figure was found in near-perfect condition during an excavation of barracks at the former Roman fortress Vindolanda in Northumberland near Hadrian's Wall, according to Archaeology News.

The figure of the spirit — called a Genius by the Romans — was found June 16 under a flagstone slab, which has protected it from the elements for 16 centuries.

No one knows why the relic was hidden there.

"As archaeologists, moments like these are incredibly rare, and we feel privileged to have uncovered and preserved such an important part of the site's story," Dr. Andrew Birley, director of excavations, told the BBC.

"It was almost as though Vindolanda itself had reached out to the team and quietly said: 'We approve of what you are doing,'" Birley said.

Birley initially did not know who or what the sculpture was, but Hadrian's Wall scholars identified it.

Fenix Suriel

Madison is just Beerly dressed

Madison Beer lights her fans' fire by posing in front of a fireplace in a white bodysuit on Instagram on Sunday. Her "The Locket Tour" closes tonight at — where else? — Madison Square Garden.

Instagram/@madisonbeer

ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL

Jagger: Skip politics

By ADAM SILVERSTEIN

Mick Jagger says fans don't come to concerts to hear a political lecture in the wake of Bruce Springsteen's on-stage speeches targeting President Trump.

The Rolling Stones frontman weighed in during an interview on The New York Times' podcast Saturday after host David Marchese questioned him about Springsteen, who has repeatedly criticized Trump during his "Land of Hope and Dreams American Tour."

Marchese said Springsteen "clearly sees his job as engaging in a meaningful back and forth" with fans before asking Jagger, "What does your relationship to the audience mean to you? What do they represent, all those people out there?"

"The bottom line of my thing really is that my job in the live music world is [for] those people that come is to have the best time they possibly can," Jagger said.

"For two hours or whatever it is, to forget all their problems and the problems of the world and their mortgages and whatever, just to give them the best time they can have."

Jagger, 82, insisted live shows should offer fans an escape from the pressures of everyday life.

"It's similar to going to a sports event, really, because everything else is shouted out," he continued. "You're just watching who's going to win. You're not worrying about everything else."

"You don't want to lecture them," he added.

The "Paint It Black" rocker stressed that no two audiences are the same and performers should adjust to the crowd instead of expecting the same reaction everywhere they play.

"Your job is to make them have the best time they possibly can," Jagger said.

Springsteen labeled Trump's administration "reckless" and accused the president of being "treasonous."

The New Jersey native also released a song referring to "King Trump" and his "federal thugs" after the deaths of anti-ICE protesters Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

Trump fired back at Springsteen, calling him a "dried up prune" in a Truth Social post and urging his supporters to boycott the singer's tour.

Jagger explained he's not opposed to politics making their way into his music — he just prefers a lighter touch.

"I've got into this habit of doing songs that are about personal relationships and then I throw a verse about politics in there," he said.

"Nobody wants to hear a whole song about politics."

SHELTER: Mick Jagger believes live music is just for people to have fun.

He knew good from evil

MIKE POMPEO

'YOU dumb sonofabitch. You have a perfectly good job and now this?"

This was the tongue-in-cheek, kind and supportive call I received from Sen. Lindsey Graham when I agreed to be nominated to become America's 70th secretary of state.

That greeting was classic Lindsey — funny and warm, encouraging and humble. He then turned to serious business, adding: "You'll be great and I'll be with you every step of the way. We have a lot of work to do."

And he was with me; even when we had different judgments, he always helped me navigate tough problems abroad and in Washington. I later learned that Sen. Graham had been among those who suggested to President Trump that he choose me, his CIA director, to lead the administration's foreign policy team back in 2018. I will be forever grateful for his advocacy for me and for his essential assistance in the successes we had in that first term.

I first met Sen. Graham when he and Sens. John McCain and Joe Lieberman were kind enough to include me — a junior backbench congressman from Kansas — on their trip to the Munich Security Conference. We spent hours in conversation about American leadership and security. Lindsey shared his experiences freely and welcomed challenges to his ideas.

Fierce protector

He worked — tirelessly — for South Carolina and for the United States.

He was a true patriot.

And he was fierce.

When I think of service to a cause, it is difficult to imagine a better model than Sen. Graham. The chance to watch him up close has benefited me greatly.

Sen. Graham understood that America's security depends on massive strength and reasoned judgments.

In the aftermath of the mass murder of September 11, he was clear-eyed about the need to build a counterterrorism architecture to protect us from radical Islam, and was instrumental in forging the terror prevention measures that have protected us for almost 25 years.

When our government failed to protect American lives — whether in Benghazi or at Abbey Gate — he was relentless in his efforts to hold government officials accountable.

When Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine in 2014 and again in 2022, there was no equivocation from Sen. Graham. Even when challenged by his own party, Lindsey knew good from evil and stood — right up to the very eve of his passing — with the Ukrainian people, because he knew in his bones that defeating Vladimir Putin mattered not only to the Ukrainian people, but to every American.

Force for good

In the Middle East, he fought tirelessly to preserve America's interests, to maintain our relationship with Israel, and to build on the Abraham Accords to bring the rights-respecting nations of the region closer together.

And while Sen. Graham spent a good part of his time and energy on strengthening America's national security, he was a real force for good in defending the full range of American freedoms here at home as well.

Shepherding constitutional nominees through the Senate; defending the rights of lawful gun owners because he saw what disarmed populations can suffer around the world; and advocating tirelessly for the right of every American to speak freely and practice their faith unimpeded by the government were very much on his heart and the focus of his work. He worked with all comers on these causes — Democrats and Republicans alike — if it advanced the nation's most fundamental truths. And this wasn't just rhetoric: He delivered on each of his commitments to our country's well-being.

With the passing of Sen. Graham, his family has lost someone who loved them deeply. The Senate has lost a believer in that body's essential role in preserving democracy. Our nation has lost a great patriot and warrior. And I have lost a friend and mentor whose kindness to me was immeasurable.

May the Lord bless him and the nation that he loved so much.

Mike Pompeo was secretary of state from 2018 to 2021.

DC mourns loss of

LIFE OF SERVICE: Sen. Lindsey Graham was a tireless worker for Americans (top to bottom), joining President Trump in 2020, talking with President-elect Barack Obama in 2009, having a little fun with Sens. John McCain and Chuck Schumer in 2013, and pondering papers on Capitol Hill in 1999.

David Hume Kennerly; AP Photo/Mike McCarn; POOL via CNP/INSTARimages.com; Getty Images

By RYAN KING
and NICHOLAS McENTYRE

WASHINGTON — Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), the most prominent and powerful foreign policy hawk in Congress, died suddenly Saturday following reported chest pains and cardiac arrest. He was 71.

For more than two decades, Graham championed peace through American strength abroad, advocating for military interventions in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran.

He also pushed hard to back Ukraine in its fight against the Russian invasion, and had just returned from a trip to Kyiv hours before he died.

"On the evening of Saturday, July 11, US Sen. Lindsey Graham passed away from a brief and sudden illness. Sen. Graham's family appreciates prayers at this time and asks for privacy during this incredibly difficult period," Graham's office said on X on Sunday morning.

Preliminary findings by the DC Medical Examiner's Office determined he died of a ruptured aorta brought on by chronic heart disease, the senator's office said late Sunday. His family has a history of heart disease, including his father, Florence James Graham, who died of a heart attack in his late 60s.

Medics responded to Graham's Capitol Hill home at around 8:30 p.m. when they received a report about an individual suffering from chest pains, scanner audio revealed.

They performed CPR as he went into cardiac arrest nearly a half hour later and he was rushed to George Washington University Hospital.

Humble beginnings

Born in central, South Carolina on July 9, 1955, Graham never married, had no children, and came from humble beginnings as the son of barkeepers in The Palmetto State.

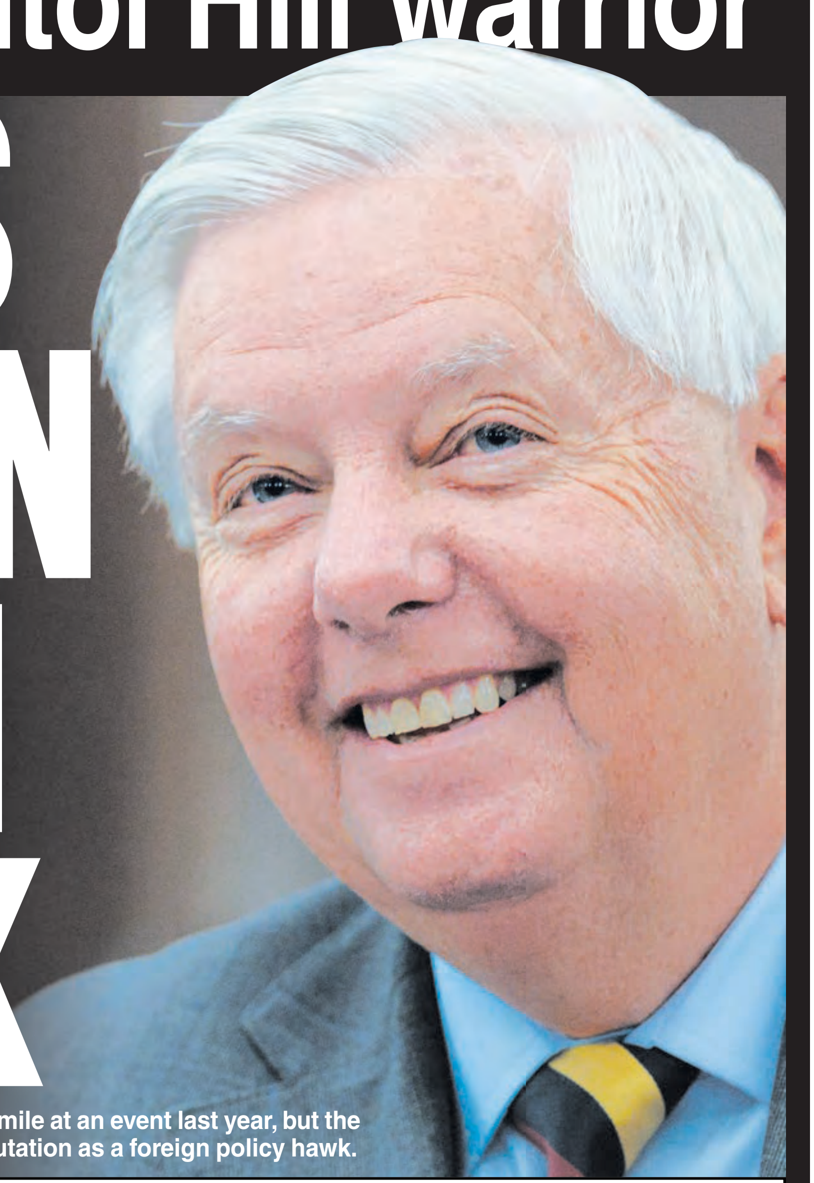
He raised his younger sister who was just 13 when their parents died 15 months apart.

Graham became the first person in his family to attend college at the University of South Carolina and served in both the South Carolina Air National Guard and the Air Force.

He earned a Bronze Star in 2014

fearless Capitol Hill warrior

SEN.'S SUDDEN DEATH SHOCK



DEDICATED SERVANT: Sen. Lindsey Graham wears a big smile at an event last year, but the longtime South Carolina lawmaker had developed a fierce reputation as a foreign policy hawk.

Getty Images

for his service as a legal adviser for the military stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Graham served more than three decades representing South Carolina, first in the House and then in the Senate, where he served as chairman of the Senate Budget and Judiciary Committees at different points in his tenure.

In his role on the Budget Committee, he helped Republicans get through a Senate procedure allowing them to pass policies including a major tax law without a Democratic filibuster threat.

As Senate Judiciary Committee chair, he vowed to confirm "as many conservative judges as possible," and oversaw Amy Coney Barrett's appointment to the Supreme Court in 2020.

However, he truly shined in foreign policy.

He believed firmly in democracy and believed the US should use its powerful military to protect other democracies throughout the world.

"In an increasingly isolationist America, Sen. Graham was one of the last titans of the Senate who favored a muscular and engaged US foreign policy," Paul Foldi, top Republican staffer on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the Associated Press. "He is irreplaceable."

Graham, who turned from a key critic of President Trump to a close ally once he was in the White House, was a key voice in Trump's ear as he navigated complex conflicts in the Middle East and eastern Europe.

The senator was scheduled to appear on NBC News' "Meet the Press" Sunday morning. Just before his death, at around 7 p.m., he had a call with the president.

"He sounded a little tired, but perfect, but a little bit tired," Trump recounted to NBC News' "Meet the Press" on Sunday, noting that Graham "sounded great actually." "He was like a member of the family to me. It's very tough, actually."

Graham was part of a trio with late Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) that pushed for a more muscular foreign policy. They were nicknamed the "Three Amigos."

Raged at Biden

Like the other members of the "Three Amigos," Graham had staunchly opposed efforts to wind down the US troop presence in Iraq. He also later fumed at former President Joe Biden over his handling of the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021.

Perhaps one of his most famous moments in the Senate was his impassioned defense of Brett Kavanaugh in 2018 during an explosive Senate Supreme Court nomination hearing. Trump and Graham buried the hatchet on their disagreements soon thereafter. The president called that one of Graham's "prime moments."

Graham was widely respected and deeply connected with US allies around the world, even as he was seen as the face of American military intervention by critics at home.

He was massively influential in the Senate and at the center of many of the key legislative battles during his career in the upper chamber, including as the so-called 2013 Gang of Eight immigration reform bill.

Trump said that funeral details and arrangements for Graham will be revealed in the coming days.

Trump: 'A true patriot'

President Trump praised Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) as a "true American Patriot" after the longtime politician died Saturday at the age of 71.

"Sen. Lindsey Graham, one of the greatest people and Senators I have ever known, is dead! He was always working, and was a true American Patriot," Trump posted on Truth Social early Sunday. "Lindsey will be greatly missed!!!"

Trump said funeral details and arrangements will be revealed in the coming days.

The relationship between Trump and Graham changed dramatically over the years.

Graham was one of Trump's sharpest Republican critics during the 2016 presidential campaign and even ran against him for the GOP nomination.

"If we nominate Trump, we will get destroyed . . . and we will deserve it," Graham warned at the time.

After the 2016 election, however, the two became close political allies, with Graham emerging as an outspoken defender of Trump in the Senate.

Graham stood firmly behind Trump during both of the president's impeachment trials, voting to acquit him each time.

He argued that Democrats were using impeachment as a political weapon, echoing Trump's claim that the inquiry was a "lynching" and saying, "This is not about protecting the country — this is about destroying the president."

Adam Silverstein

Somewhat mode$t man

Sen. Lindsey Graham ranked among the bottom half of Congress' big earners despite more than three decades in office and a top role leading the Republican Party.

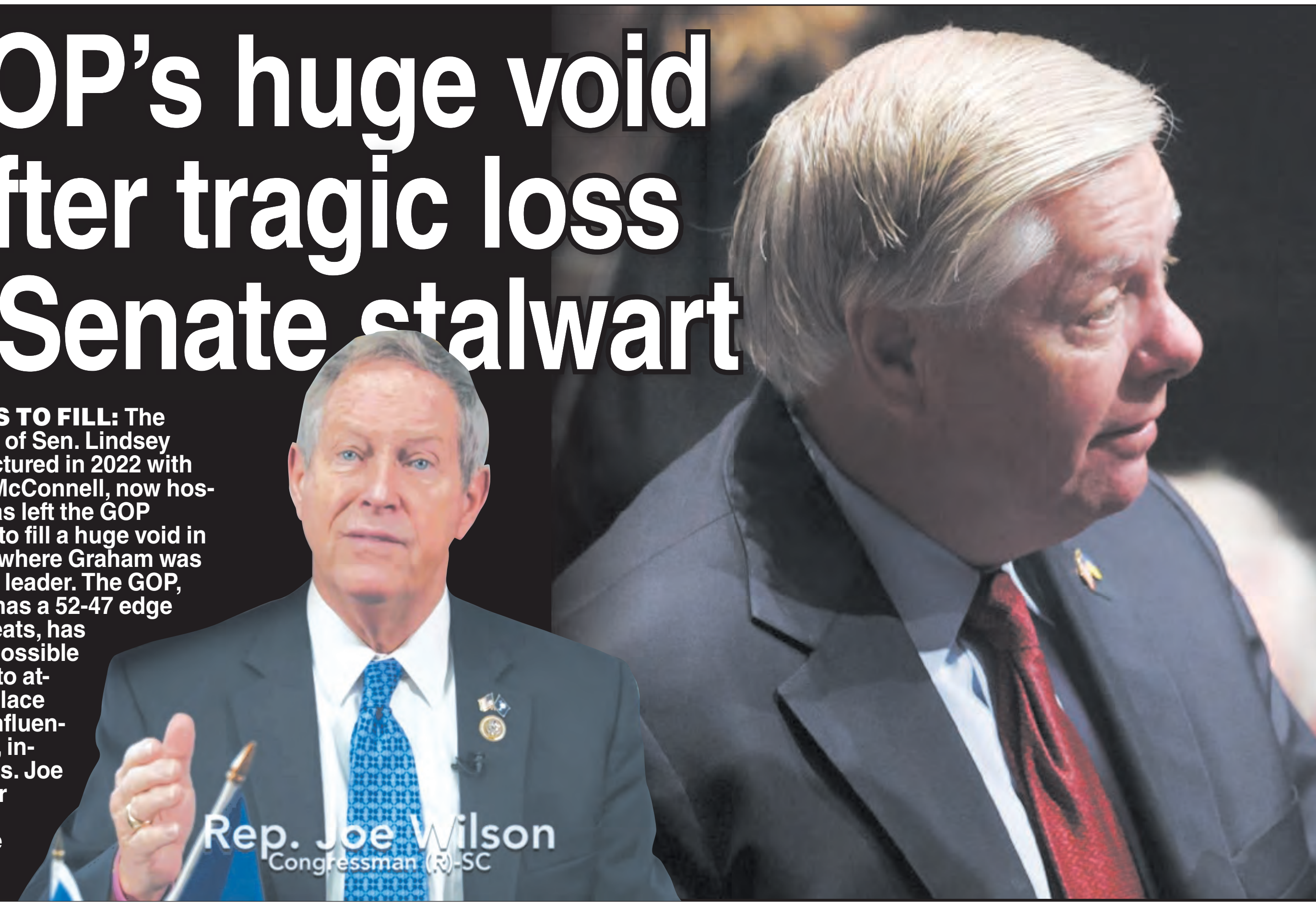
Graham, 71, died with a net worth of nearly $1.5 million, leaving the senator, who had a modest upbringing in South Carolina, ranked at 294th in wealth among the 535 voting members of Congress, according to data from the Quiver Quantitative tracker.

Ryan King

LINDSEY GRAHAM 1955-2026

UNCERTAIN 'LIN'

GOP's huge void after tragic loss of Senate stalwart



BIG SHOES TO FILL: The tragic death of Sen. Lindsey Graham (pictured in 2022 with Sen. Mitch McConnell, now hospitalized) has left the GOP scrambling to fill a huge void in the Senate, where Graham was a bipartisan leader. The GOP, which now has a 52-47 edge in Senate seats, has numerous possible candidates to attempt to replace the highly influential Graham, including Reps. Joe Wilson (near right) and Nancy Mace (far right).

By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — The tragic, sudden death of Sen. Lindsey Graham has left a void in the Senate and shrunk the GOP's majority in the upper chamber, while sparking a mad dash to fill his shoes.

Graham, 71, died from a "brief and sudden illness" Saturday evening, the South Carolina senator's office revealed.

His tragic passing means Republicans' edge in the Senate will slip down to 52-47 seats — but that's only on paper.

There are ongoing concerns about the health of Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), 84, who is currently hospitalized.

There are also several Republican lawmakers, including Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and lame duck Sens. Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Bill Cassidy (R-La.), who haven't been shy about splitting from the party recently — especially on the Iran war and other foreign policy issues.

Trump weighs in

Meanwhile, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster (R) will have to tap a temporary replacement to serve out the remainder of Graham's term, and Republicans will have to name a successor to him on the powerful Senate Budget Committee.

Because Graham was up for re-election and had just won his primary last month, a special GOP primary to replace him as the party's nominee in the Senate race is likely to occur by Aug. 11.

Already, firebrand Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC) is "strongly" considering tossing her hat in the ring to replace him. One name that was floated around was Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), who appeared to bat down rumors he might pursue it.

"[M]y goal is to remain in the House to keep his two-vote majority for the American people!!!" he posted on X Sunday.

Another possible contender is Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette. Trump initially backed her in the gubernatorial primary before also endorsing Attorney General Alan Wilson, who went on to win the runoff.

She had also been backed by McMaster in the primary.

"I have somebody that I think would be great. But I don't want to say it now because, you know, it's too soon with Lindsey," Trump told NBC News' "Meet the Press" Sunday about who might replace Graham.

He laughed in face of death

WASHINGTON — Just five days before his death, Sen. Lindsey Graham defiantly scoffed at images of Iranians parading around with a poster of a bull's-eye on his head.

Iranians at the extended state funeral of the late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei were seen with signage targeting Trump, conservative commentators Ben Shapiro and Laura Loomer, GOP mega-donor Miriam Adelson and others with text that translated to "In the end, your heads will be severed."

"At least they used a good photo of me. Judge me by my enemies," Graham (R-SC) posted on X in response.

Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, who hasn't been seen publicly since Operation Epic Fury began in February, vowed Saturday to avenge his father "and all the martyrs of these two wars from the criminal and disgraced."

Graham, 71, died suddenly Saturday from a "brief and sudden illness." Emergency dispatch calls suggest he reported chest pain and then a heart attack.

But Graham's famously hawkish foreign policy stances earned him many enemies around the world.

The late senator had been Trump's foremost backer in Congress of the war in Iran, repeatedly advocating for the use of military force and casting doubt on the chances peace negotiations would be successful.

Just before his death, Graham was in Ukraine, where he toured a drone facility and met with the country's President Volodymyr Zelensky. *Ryan King*

Hateful response

Sick trolls responded to the death of Sen. Lindsey Graham with gloating remarks and twisted comments.

"Lindsey Graham is dead. Have a great Sunday!" said "Game of Thrones" star and activist Liam Cunningham on X, while white supremacist Nick Fuentes and Ana Kasparian from "The Young Turks" both wrote "Good riddance."

Some commenters referenced Graham's alleged sexual preference.

"Everyone on CNN saying Lindsay Graham was a 'complicated' man, like just say gay please lol," journalist John Teufel posted. Anthony Blair

OF SUCCESSION

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Beyond his Senate seat, Graham had been a key foreign policy luminary with deep connections to US allies all around the world and a leading voice in the Senate on those issues.

He had met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky a day before his sudden death. Graham was widely seen as among the more prominent hawks in either chamber of Congress.

Additionally, he had a record of working across the aisle.

"He was able to deal with Democrats," Trump recalled of Graham. "If I had a problem, a real problem, I wouldn't often ask. But if I had a problem with a Democrat, he could work it out. He was a great politician, actually.

"He's going to be appreciated more now than he was when he was living, I think," the president later added.

Throughout Trump's second term, Republicans have spent time worrying about their ultra-slim House majority, rather than the Senate, where Vice President JD Vance also serves as a tiebreaker.

Prior to his death, Graham led the Senate Budget Committee, which was set to play a pivotal role in advancing a follow-up to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that would've centered around Trump's beefed-up defense budget request.

Getting the follow-up bill was always an uphill battle for Republicans.

One potential agenda item was the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE) America Act, which would require voters to show proof of citizenship to cast their ballots.

Had key SAVE role

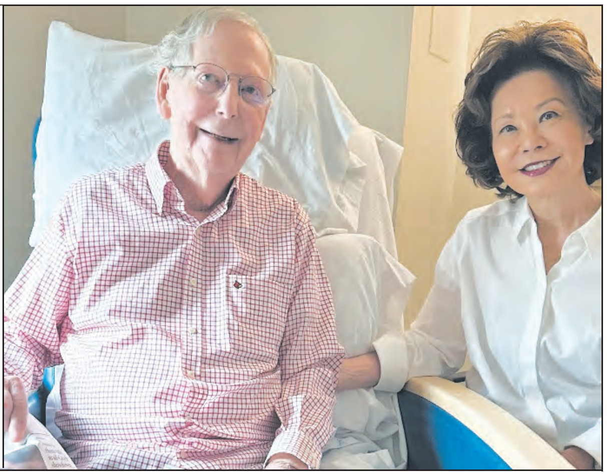
Democrats had blocked that using the filibuster, but some Republicans eyed the budget reconciliation process — something Graham was set to lead — as a workaround to avoid the 60-vote requirement.

Trump had discussed the SAVE America Act with Graham on the phone, not long before his death.

"[H]e called and he said, 'We're all set for the Save America Act,' " Trump said, without elaborating on what that meant.

In addition to leading the Senate Budget Committee, Graham was also next in line to helm the Senate Judiciary Committee ahead of Chairman Chuck Grassley's (R-Iowa) expected move to take the reins of another committee.

BREAKS SILENCE: Sen. Mitch McConnell (seen alongside wife Elaine Chao) posted a statement Sunday that said he'd been hospitalized since June 14 after a fall that left him briefly unconscious. He added that he'd battled a mild case of pneumonia.



Mitch: Hurt in a fall

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mitch McConnell broke his silence on his lengthy hospital stay, claiming he had a fall but didn't suffer from a stroke or a heart attack in a statement released by his office that included a photo of the smiling senator.

McConnell (R-Ky.), who was hospitalized on June 14 after what dispatchers suspected was a cardiac event, revealed that he suffered a fall that left him briefly unconscious.

"My doctors have confirmed that I didn't break any bones or suffer a concussion. I didn't have a heart attack or a stroke. I don't have any tumors or hemorrhages," McConnell explained in a statement.

"But I was briefly unconscious and was taken to the hospital. While receiving excellent care over the past several weeks, I've also had to deal with a mild case of pneumonia."

McConnell's absence and the lack of explanation from his team sent the rumor mill into overdrive over his condition, but key allies such as his former aide Scott Jennings and Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) claim to have spoken with him during his hospital stay.

Ryan King

‘In tents’ revulsion

Luiz C. Ribeiro

‘ZO’ GROSS: Mayor Mamdani has allowed this crime- and trash-infested homeless camp to cover 12 city blocks.

Homeless camp’s pig sty of trash and crime

By KEVIN SHEEHAN,
CARL CAMPANILE
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A grotesque homeless encampment continues to expand on Manhattan’s West Side and now covers 12 city blocks — with theft, drugs and prostitution flourishing in broad daylight, The Post has learned.

Dozens of tents and makeshift shelters now extend from 34th Street to 46th Street along 11th Avenue, a worrisome eyesore for local workers and residents as well as tourists lining up to visit the popular Intrepid Museum — with City Hall turning a blind eye and NYPD cops zipping by and doing nothing.

“We can’t get rid of them,” one city parks enforcement officer said Sunday. “These ones here are stealing everything. They stole our key for the hose. They stole our ladder. They take what they can. And there are escorts in there too. Prostitutes. I see them; they’re right there.

“Definitely getting worse,” she said. “People stopped parking here. People are scared to park here.”

Industrious vagrants lounge on stolen couches, display pricey electronics and other goods — including Broadway theater lights and high-end telescopes — and even peddle drugs to sex workers who also ply their trade inside the shantytown or filthy public bathrooms, locals said.

At one tent, sex workers regularly stopped by throughout the day for customers or drugs — or both.

‘It’s getting very bad’

“This is crazy,” said one supervisor at the nearby Jacob Javits Center. “The cops and the sanitation guys and the outreach guys, they clean up one spot and after that day, the next day they’re over here. Then they’re over there. They’re kind of just spreading around.

“The scariest parts are on 36th and 37th right now,” he said. “It’s just heroin addicts.”

“It stinks,” a Javits maintenance worker added. “They were setting up in the park at 3 this morning and it’s just too much. It’s getting bad again, very bad.

“We kicked them out, now they’re over here,” he said. “One thing is for sure though, there are more today than there were last month, that’s for sure.”

The Post blew the whistle on the lawless encampment in a report on Friday. One vagrant went so far as to call Mayor Mamdani “awesome” for allowing the unsanitary encampment to thrive and halting police raids that once cleared out the unsightly settlements.

But New Yorkers have noticed — a review of city records shows that 311 calls complaining about vagrants in the area spiked to 48 this year, up from 40 in 2025.

Records show that 28 of the 48 calls so far this year were for homeless people needing assistance, while 20 were over the West Side encampment. Thirty calls came just last month, and eight this month.

Of the 40 calls to 311 from the neighborhood last year, 36 were for assistance and just four were over the unsightly encampment.

Civic and business leaders also griped that it’s not a good look.

“Most people would agree that leaving people on the street indefinitely isn’t compassion, it’s neglect,” said Steve Fulop, CEO for the nonprofit Partnership for the City of New York. “We’ve seen in cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco that letting encampments grow unchecked fails the homeless and erodes quality of life for everyone else.

“The right approach for the city pairs real services with the timely actual removal of encampments that pose safety risks,” Fulop said. “We aren’t seeing that here, and these encampments can grow quickly if a balanced policy isn’t pursued, which is the concern here.” *Additional reporting by Nicole Rosenthal*

Bruce: Man.’s ‘third world’

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman called Manhattan a disaster that looks like a “third-world country” because of homeless camps and litter.

“The place is just a disaster,” Blakeman said Sunday on 77 WABC Radio’s “Cats Roundtable.”

“I talked to store owners in Manhattan, and they are very, very upset about . . . homeless people all over the place. Litter all over our streets,” Blakeman told host John Catsimatidis. “It just looks like a third-world country.”

Blakeman’s tirade comes after The Post’s expose on Friday that revealed how Mayor Mamdani has allowed homeless encampments to flourish on streets just outside the Intrepid Museum.

Blakeman, who now serves as the Nassau County executive, also blasted the socialist mayor for canceling the planned hiring of New York City police officers.

“You saw the multiple shootings in New York City just over [July 4] weekend,” Blakeman said.

Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal slammed Blakeman for smearing his borough with false apocalyptic statements.

“What’s he bloviating on about? This is the fun summer of Manhattan!” Hoylman-Sigal said, linking Blakeman to his longtime friend, President Trump.

“The Knicks! The World Cup! America 250! Taylor and Travis! Plus, with crime at all-time lows in Manhattan, it’s safe enough even for precious-minded suburbanites like Bruce to enjoy all that’s happening here,” the borough president added.

“The real disaster is Bruce Blakeman’s campaign that’s joined at the hip with Donald Trump.”

Carl Campanile

‘Dua’ you like what you see?

Grammy-winning pop superstar Dua Lipa, recently back in New York City following her multiday wedding and Italian honeymoon with husband and actor Callum Turner, rocked a casual outfit with a backward cap and cutoff denim shorts Sunday for this alluring Instagram photo.

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HAMPTON HOUSES OF GOLD

Record $4.5M average

By BRANDON CRUZ

It now costs more than ever to own a home in the tony Hamptons — with the average price hitting a mind-boggling $4.5 million thanks to the rising stock market and shrinking housing supply, new data shows.

The whopping new average represents a surge of 34% over last year, according to a review by New York appraiser Jonathan Miller.

“Price growth is being driven in part by stronger activity at the high end, where luxury prices are rising faster and inventory is even tighter,” Miller said.

Prospective homeowners in the celeb-fave Long Island enclave can’t even touch a local property now for under $1.5 million, according to the figures.

“Long Island home prices hit new highs as low inventory continues to limit sales,” Miller explained. “Even with a small increase in listings, supply remains far below normal, keeping competition strong as more than half of homes sold above asking price.

“Overall, the market remains constrained, with fewer sales but continued upward pressure on prices — there is no end in sight.”

The median home price in the Hamptons, one of the country’s priciest markets, meanwhile jumped more than 18% from just last year to land at right under $2.5 million — the third record in five quarters, Miller said.

By comparison, the median home price for the rest of Long Island rose 5% from the previous record set last year, increasing from $750,000 to more than $761,000, the report said.

Additionally, its overall average home sales price rose by 7.8%, to nearly $922,000, yet another record.

Wall Street cash

At least partly fueling the particularly striking rise in luxury-home prices were the bonuses doled out on Wall Street.

The bonuses’ average hit a record of nearly $247,000 per employee — roughly 9% higher than 2024 — as Wall Street profits jumped more than 30% to over $65.1 billion in 2025, according to New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

As a result, buyers at the top are increasingly leaning on their stock portfolios and Wall Street payouts to afford their homes, rather than traditional mortgages to close out the deals, according to the data.

“The elevated share of bidding wars and tighter marketing times reinforces the idea that this is not a thin, speculative market, but one driven by high-end buyers drawn to the East End,” Miller’s report said.

Rescue near for 30 belugas in closed Can. park

Thirty beluga whales stuck at a shuttered Canadian theme park since 2024 are finally getting moved to aquariums in America and Spain thanks to a down-to-the-wire rescue.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration last week greenlit the emergency life-saving plan to spare the majestic creatures, which have been living at the closed-down Marineland park in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The park had said in October that it would be forced to soon euthanize the whales if a transfer wasn’t approved, according to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Marineland park shut its doors to the public two years ago when major financial issues caused it to tank as it failed to provide adequate care for its animals.

Twenty whales had ended up dead at the park since 2019, according to data obtained by the Canadian Press.

“This rescue effort will take several weeks to mobilize and complete, and the comfort and safety of the whales remains of the utmost importance,” said a rep for the American aquarium consortium, an organization involved in the undertaking.

The current plan is to split the belugas between five accredited aquariums, with 28 headed to four US locations: the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and two SeaWorlds — one in San Diego and the other in San Antonio, according to the CBC.

The other two whales will be sent to Oceanogràfic València in Spain, the outlet reported.

The whales will have to be cleared by Canadian veterinarians before they can be transferred, and dedicated care staff from the US aquariums will soon arrive at Marineland to assess the whales’ well-being and make travel preparations, the American consortium said. *Brandon Cruz*

Most Israel voters want peace: poll

By CARL CAMPANILE

Israelis want to give peace a chance with more of their Arab neighbors, according to a survey.

A majority of voters in the Jewish state overwhelmingly support making diplomatic deals with nations such as Lebanon, Syria and Saudi Arabia, although they do not agree to a two-state solution, i.e., a Palestinian state next to Israel, nor any country but Israel governing Gaza, the June survey reveals.

The poll, conducted by the Council for a Secure America, shows that 81% of the 557 Israeli voters questioned already support the Abraham Accords, diplomatic agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco.

That's a record high in CSA polling. Only 5% of respondents were opposed, and the rest had no opinion.

About 78% also support a future diplomatic agreement with Saudi Arabia, while 72% back a friendly deal with Lebanon and 64% support one with Syria, the survey shows.

Seventy-one percent believe Saudi-Israel relations would help the Israeli economy.

But the Israelis' relations with their Palestinian neighbors remain fraught.

Hamas' deadly Oct. 7, 2023, attack against Israel is seared in their memory, and consequently, a 41% plurality believes Israel should govern the Hamas-led Gaza Strip, while only 25% prefer an international coalition that includes Arab countries.

Among Israelis 44 and under, an even higher number — 54% — want Israel to control Gaza compared to just 15% for an international coalition.

The 54% figure is nearly double the number of older Israelis who support sole Israeli governance of the strip.

Nearly two-thirds, or 63%, of the Israeli voters also oppose a two-state solution, while 22% support it.

Those figures remain essentially unchanged across CSA's two years of tracking.

Opposition is strongest among younger Israelis: 66% of voters under 44 oppose it, with only 17 percent in support.

Blame Iran

Most Israelis blame Iran for the strife and violence against Israel.

Sixty-one percent say Iran is the real culprit directing the attacks against Israel by Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis in Yemen — a 13-point increase from February 2025 — versus 28% who say those groups act independently with Iranian support.

The respondents also were asked, "Do you believe that the US, IDF [Israeli Defense Forces], and Lebanese Armed Forces together can or cannot one day disarm Hezbollah?"

Sixty-five percent said they believe that such a coalition can disarm Hezbollah, while 25% said they cannot.

"These numbers show that Israelis continue to embrace the Abraham Accords model in record numbers," said Jennifer Sutton, executive director of the CSA, a pro-energy group that supports a strong US role in the region and friendly ties between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points for questions put to all respondents.

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President Trump declared Sunday that the Strait of Hormuz is open after the US hit 140 targets in Iran over the latest attack on cargo ships in the critical passage.

Trump doubled down on the US Central Command's insistence that the key oil choke point is now open following an intense bombing campaign against Iran overnight Saturday, which targeted missile and drone sites, naval assets, ammunition storage facilities, communication networks and surveillance locations.

"Yeah, it's open. We bombed the hell out of them last night," he told NBC's "Meet the Press," contradicting Tehran's assertion that the strait remains closed.

Trump echoed CENTCOM's claim that "Iran does not control the Strait of Hormuz" after Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy attacked the M/V GFS Galaxy, a Cyprus-flagged container ship, and declared the waterway, which, prior to the war, carried 20% of the world's oil, closed.

'No nuclear'

Trump went on to claim that negotiations over the weekend at one point appeared to be settled, with the Islamic Republic surrendering to all of his demands.

"They agreed to a deal yesterday," Trump said Sunday. "A perfect deal for us. No nuclear, no this, no that, no nothing.

"They gave up everything, and then after that, they left the room, and then within an hour, they launched a drone at a ship," he added.

Trump also ordered US forces to begin the fresh round of strikes on Iran at around 5 p.m. EDT Sunday to "continue degrading" Tehran's ability to attack commercial vessels in the strait, CENTCOM announced on X.

A US official told The New York Times that there is expected to be a "bigger" wave of US attacks on Iranian military targets on Sunday evening than strikes carried out earlier in the day.

The Islamic Republic has insisted that under the June 17 signed memorandum of understanding, Iran maintains full control of the strait, with Tehran repeatedly attacking ships that ignore its claim to the passage.

In response to the American airstrikes, Iran launched a wide-scale assault against American facilities across the Middle East.

The IRGC claimed it destroyed a command-and-control center and drone hangars in Jordan, targeted a radar site in Kuwait, attacked aircraft carrier support and refueling platforms in Oman and struck a jet maintenance center and command base in Qatar.

DESTRUCTION: After Iran attacked cargo ships like these (below) in the Strait of Hormuz, the US released images of (clockwise from bottom near right) an explosion in Iran and an F-18 about to take off. Kuwait also released an image of smoke billowing in Abdali after it was struck by Iran. President Trump insisted Sunday that the strait is now open.

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'One-sided deals'

Other attacks and missile interceptions were reported in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, where the US houses military bases.

Qatar, which had previously served as a mediator between the US and Iran, slammed that as-

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Hormuz is clear after ‘bombing hell out of them’: Trump

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US Central Command (2)

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sault, which left three people injured, including a child.

Iran’s chief negotiator, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, vowed that the attacks would go on if the US continued to undermine its control over the strait.

“The era of one-sided deals is OVER. We told you: keep your word or pay the price. Reality is knocking,” Ghalibaf wrote X.

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Strikes to ‘continue degrading’ foe

The US military unleashed a new barrage of strikes on Iran on Sunday evening to “continue degrading” Tehran’s ability to attack commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz.

President Trump ordered US Central Command forces to begin the fresh round of strikes at around 5 p.m. EDT to “hold Iranian forces accountable,” CENTCOM announced on X.

A US official told The New York Times that there is expected to be a “bigger” wave of US attacks on Iranian military targets Sunday evening.

Early reports from Iran’s state media indicated that among the targets of the strikes was a telecommunications tower near the village of Tahroi in Sirik, Hormozgan Province, which borders the strait, the outlet reported.

The strikes follow an intense bombing campaign led by US forces on 140 targets in the Islamic Republic late Saturday after Iran attacked a commercial vessel and declared the key oil choke point closed.

The US on Saturday pounded targets including missile and drone sites, naval assets, ammunition storage facilities, communication networks and surveillance locations, CENTCOM previously said in a statement.

Zoe Hussain, Wires

Leader of the whack

'Sopranos' program to hit gym, shed lbs.

By ALEX MITCHELL

Vito wants back in the thin club.

"Sopranos" actor Joe Gannascoli is mirroring the healthy lifestyle his hefty mobster alter ego ended up embracing on the show — doing everything he can to whack his current extra pounds with a special fitness regimen and strict diet featuring made meals to get fit for an upcoming TV project.

"I don't actually like baby carrots," the TV Mafia heavyweight recently quipped to The Post, referencing Vito's hilarious stress-eating scene in the HBO hit's final season, which included him posing for an ad for a weight-loss company, the Thin Club.

At 67, the chef-turned-Vito Spatafore actor is shooting to shed 40 pounds — dropping from 250 to around 210 — so he will be camera-ready for a new TV project based on his Mafia-themed cookbook, "A Meal to Die For."

"That's when I'm going to be at my goal, which is now four months away," said Gannascoli, who moved from Brooklyn to East Rockaway, LI, about 20 years ago, around when "The Sopranos" finale aired.

Gannascoli starts with a 6 a.m. early-bird round of golf on the south shore of Long Island and usually hits a local pickleball court by 8 a.m. either with friends or for a pickup game with strangers.

The on-screen racketeer is often in the gym right after putting down his racket.

"I just started hitting every body part, and I'm doing that four times a week," Gannascoli said. "Now I'm doing heavier weights and less reps.

"I like to get a good sweat going."

The calorie-counting camera-loving capo, meanwhile, goes on "salad binges," eats little red meat and employs intermittent fasting, rarely eating after 2 p.m., to complement his physical-fitness push.

The regime is a far cry from when he was at his heaviest — 400 pounds during the "Sopranos" early seasons — thanks to bad hips and sleep apnea.

'I feel better'

Gannascoli said his first major health kick, which occurred during filming for "The Sopranos" and included both lap band and hip surgeries, led the writers to turn his substantial weight loss into the plotline in season six.

But keeping his weight off afterward was a back-and-forth battle as he worked as a private chef, doing home parties for fans and becoming an ambassador for various brands.

He said this current effort to slim down is different from those past because of better nutrition and a much more consistent athletic lifestyle.

"I feel better and look better than I did back on the show," he said.

Gannascoli said he also just beat another arch-nemesis: gambling.

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Brooklyn
PROUD

Stefano Giovannini/HBO

THE THINNER MAN: Joe Gannascoli weighs roughly 250 pounds — a far cry from his heaviest (400 lbs.) while filming "The Sopranos" (inset).

Massive jellyfish invade Mass. beaches

Swarms of giant lion's mane jellyfish whose tentacles can stretch 120 feet and unleash painful stings even 25 days after they're dead are invading Massachusetts' quaint beaches in a scene straight out of a horror flick.

Cities and agencies in Massachusetts have issued high alerts over the large number of terrifying giant 6-foot-wide jellies.

"Keep children and pets away from stranded jellyfish," the town of Beverly warned last week.

The swarm is the biggest since 2020, experts told The Boston Globe.

People on social media reported some jelly swarms from Nahant to Salem.

"Cape Cod is inundated with Lion's Mane Jellyfish! Multiple thousands of them have gotten swept into the marsh with the tides," Great Marsh Kayak Tours said on Facebook. *Jared Downing*

Deli bad crash in B'klyn

A wrong-way Mercedes driver came within inches of pancaking an NYPD detective before smashing into an Audi and sending it flying into a deli in trendy Brooklyn on Sunday, terrifying footage shows.

A 24-year-old suspect was flooring his white luxury vehicle down Henry Street in Carroll Gardens when he missed a detective by inches and slammed into the other car, police said.

The other vehicle, a black Audi, was sent flying into a corner deli, shattering its windows, according to surveillance footage that The Post obtained.

The detective who was nearly struck rushed in to cuff the rogue driver before more officers arrived.

"We just heard a huge brake. . . . All of a sudden, I saw a car flying and hit my store," Khalid Sarsour, the 63-year-old owner of the Garden Gourmet Deli and Grill, told The Post.

"I don't think I'll be able to sleep because of some of the trauma," the rattled owner said before sweeping up the shattered glass.

Medics took the Audi driver and a young woman from the Mercedes to a hospital in stable condition.

There were no other injuries. Police are investigating. *Steven Vago*

Lucky to walk away

A woman in Brazil is lucky to be alive after a speeding pickup truck plowed into the back of a parked car she was walking past, miraculously missing her by just inches, video shows.

The unidentified woman was walking in downtown Braço do Norte, Santa Catarina, when a speeding, out-of-control Chevrolet slammed into a white Honda SUV, causing a collision that sent the truck flipping through the air, as can be seen in footage obtained to by local news outlet Hora Certa Noticias.

Incredibly, the pedestrian walked away without any injuries, according to reports. *Brandon Cruz*

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Hunter's still a 'reel' big liar

FLUSH with a $1.7 million payout in his defamation suit against a flaky former Trump donor, Hunter Biden is on a publicity blitz. He appears on random podcasts, tweets obsessively on X, took to the stage for a live performance in Phoenix and launched a new Substack "Where's Hunter," on which he posts long screeds about himself.

It is a little like reading his laptop — without the homemade porn.

The lies are the same, but this new Hunter sounds nothing like the whiny, malicious Hunter who revealed himself in seven years of frantic, crack-inspired musings on his infamous laptop.

The new Hunter is polished, calculated and utterly inauthentic. He is a skillfully manufactured product, and his sudden explosion into the media landscape is anything but organic.

It seems more like a sophisticated publicity rollout by professional PR operatives (which he recently admitted to hiring in an interview with Wired) to promote the upcoming documentary Hollywood lawyer Kevin Morris made during the years he was bankrolling the disgraced former first son.

The filmmaker Morris hired to follow Hunter around, Robb Bindler of "Hands on a Hardbody" fame, says the project is nearing release, according to super-sleuth Hunter nemesis Garrett Ziegler, a former Trump adviser-turned-private eye and founder of nonprofit Marco Polo.

'Lies every time'

Bindler's website confirms he is "completing a verite feature documentary featuring Hunter Biden."

The timing fits and, as Ziegler says, "Hunter lies every time he opens his mouth." Like father, like son.

His first tweet in a decade on May 19 was a lie.

"I'm Hunter Biden," he tweeted. "You've never actually heard from me."

Au contraire. He wrote a whole book about himself in 2021.

Democrats are thrilled that another member of the grifting Biden family is grabbing the spotlight just when they are trying to get everyone to forget their disastrous 2024 defeat, not to mention Joe's catastrophic presidency.

Just as he tried to do with his 2021 memoir "Beautiful Things," Hunter is leaning into his crack addiction and associated debauchery to try to divert attention from the lucrative international influence peddling operation he and his uncle Jim Biden ran during Joe's vice presidency, with Joe's involvement to close multimillion dollar deals and open doors.

It didn't work then and is unlikely to work now, even with Morris' creative magic. Dubbed Hunter's "sugar brother" by Hunter's ex-partners, because of the millions of dollars he spent paying off Hunter's tax debts, paying his legal fees and funding his lavish Malibu lifestyle in $30,000 rentals, Morris closed his wallet before Hunter's lawyer Abbe Lowell was fully paid.

Lowell has since filed suit against Hunter for unpaid fees, "over $50,000" but believed to be much more. Hunter is also being sued by his "baby mama" Lunden Roberts over unpaid child support payments for the 7-year-old daughter Navy, who he has refused to meet and who his parents still refuse to acknowledge, apart from a cursory statement they were shamed into releasing after The New York Times noted the hypocrisy of their professed family values.

Hunter's current media blitz doubles down on Morris' fictional hypothesis that Hunter's laptop does not exist. The pair have concocted an elaborately improbable tale in which Rudy Giuliani — or maybe it's the Russians, or both — stole Hunter's digital database and created "mixed tapes" which they then passed off as Hunter's laptop, with the help of Trump ally Roger Stone and Hunter's former shrink Keith Ablow.

Legal defeats

The reason none of their lies stand up to scrutiny is that too many people know the truth and have told it in court, in whistleblower testimony, in hard-won prosecutions and in a number of forensically detailed books, which are the antidote to Hunter's feeble attempt to rewrite history.

There is also an upcoming documentary — "Shielded By Power" — backed by watchdog group Empower Oversight, which helped IRS whistleblower Gary Shapley and Joe Ziegler get the truth out about Hunter's crimes and the Biden DOJ cover-up. Shapley and Ziegler's 2023 book "The Whistleblowers vs. The Big Guy: Two Special Agents, the Biden Crime Family, and a Corrupt Bureaucracy" is another fact-filled rebuke to Hunter's continuing lies.

For starters, Hunter's MacBook was used in a Delaware court — held aloft by prosecutors and shown to the jury that convicted him on gun charges. His laptop was seized by the FBI in December 2019 from John Paul Mac Isaac's laptop repair shop in Delaware, where Hunter had abandoned it in April, a few days before his father announced his 2020 presidential run.

FBI forensic analysts deemed the device belonged to Hunter, had not been altered in any way and was fit to be used in a court of law, which it was.

Further, IRS investigators Shapley and Ziegler geolocated Hunter via his iPhone to a cigar bar around the corner from Mac Isaac's repair store the night he dropped off his laptop.

Mac Isaac, a patriot who lost his business, has catalogued exactly what happened, with receipts, in his 2022 book "American Injustice: My Battle to Expose the Truth."

Hunter is about to publish a new book, which he told Wired he is starting to release this month in serial form on Substack.

"It's about the plot against me, the conspiracy that was led by figures like Rudy Giuliani and Steve Bannon . . . assembling all of my digital life through phones and laptops and iCloud hacks."

Internet sleuths ran Hunter's Substack through an AI detector and found it was "100 percent AI." Whether that's true or it's simply a PR agency polishing his ravings, it is about as authentic as his teeth.

All his Morris-funded, Lowell-led lawsuits to try to prove his conspiracy theory have failed, against Giuliani in 2023, and against Garrett Ziegler last year.

His $1.7 million defamation against Patrick Byrne's reckless gossip last week was his only legal success, led by Dick Harpootlian, an old crony of his dad's whose wife was appointed ambassador to Slovenia by Joe in 2021.

Ziegler is still taking legal action to recover his legal fees from Hunter and has recovered $67,000 from Morris.

'459 violations'

Ziegler's forensic 644-page report on Hunter's laptop is a definitive marker for history cataloguing what he says are "459 violations of state and federal laws and regulations, amongst himself and his business partners and family."

Ziegler says Hunter is using "a sophistry tactic that if people believe he's being candid about his alcohol and drug addictions, therefore, he's being candid about his business dealings.

"He's banking on people not reading our book, or your book ['Laptop From Hell']."

Perhaps Hunter is a reformed character, as he now claims, only interested in helping others beat addiction.

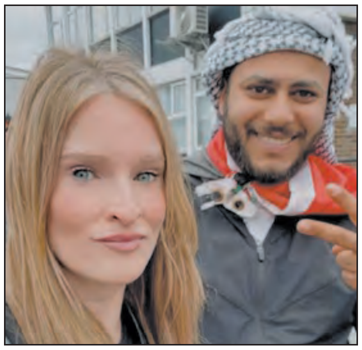
Perhaps he really does see himself following in his father's footsteps as a politician, maybe president, as his former shrink Ablow believes, and as he once confided to his ex-wife Kathleen is his aspiration.

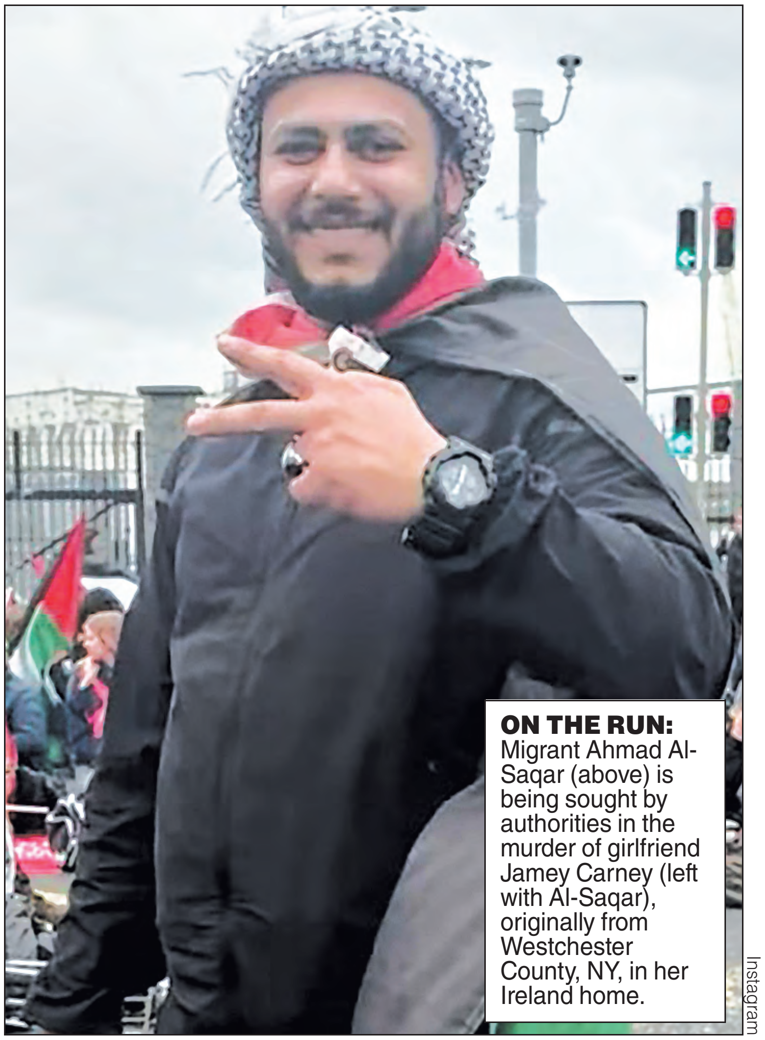
"I would be so honored to be of service in that way," he told Wired magazine last month in one of the many hagiographic media profiles that have accompanied his reinvention. The question was about working in a future Gavin Newsom presidential administration, maybe as VP. And pigs might fly.

‘Wanted $$’ from NY gal pal in Ireland

Moocher to murder suspect

By ANTHONY BLAIR





ON THE RUN: Migrant Ahmad Al-Saqar (above) is being sought by authorities in the murder of girlfriend Jamey Carney (left with Al-Saqar), originally from Westchester County, NY, in her Ireland home.

Instagram

The migrant boyfriend suspected of murdering a New York mom at her home in Ireland allegedly asked her for a bunch of money just a week before her death.

Jamey Carney, 43, had told a pal that her beau, Ahmad Al-Saqar, sought the equivalent of around $5,700 about a week before her murder at her house in Killarney, the Irish Independent reported.

Al-Saqar is now wanted for questioning by authorities in connection with the murder of Carney, who is believed to have been beaten and then suffocated in her bed early last Tuesday.

Authorities are examining the victim’s phone calls and texts as well as her social-media accounts and bank statements as part of their probe.

Carney, who was originally from Westchester County, moved with her young daughter to Ireland in May 2021.

She is believed to have met Al-Saqar at a pro-Palestine rally in Killarney about 18 months ago and frequently shared pictures of the pair on social media.

He told friends that he and Carney had taken part in a religious marriage ceremony earlier this year and were wed in the Islamic faith, former roommate Husam Salha told the Irish Independent.

Al-Saqar posted a video online around that time with the words, “My bride and my princess,” showing Carney wearing a ring on his TikTok.

“Al-Saqar said they had gone to the mosque and accepted to be husband and wife,” Salha said.

“In Islam, when you get married, you have to let all the people know that you are husband and wife,” he said.

Salha said he learned of Carney’s death and Al-Saqar fleeing Ireland when he returned to his migrant accommodation Tuesday evening and the police were there.

“They talked to me for several hours, and they took my phone and asked me to call him,” he said.

Al-Saqar’s phone was still active, but he did not answer Salha’s calls, he said. Carney was previously married to an Irish national who lives in Killarney.

Her mother and sister arrived in Killarney over the weekend to care for her 13-year-old daughter.

Allowed to stay

Irish authorities allowed Al-Saqar, a Jordanian national, to stay in the Emerald Isles, even after his application for asylum was nixed by immigration authorities, according to the Irish Mirror.

Al-Saqar, who came to the country in 2024, was not required to leave after his application for asylum was rejected, as is customary in Ireland, the outlet reported.

It’s unclear why the accused killer’s asylum application was rejected, according to the report.

The lapse allowed Al-Saqar to stick around in the country — long enough for him to allegedly murder Carney.

The on-the-lam lover was in the process of appealing his asylum application when he hightailed it to Turkey, just before Carney was found beaten and suffocated inside her home.

Additional reporting by David DeTurris

Nurse killer’s perv vids

The Irish murderer who strangled American nurse Mackenzie Michalski after a night out in Budapest was identified as a perverted fiend who frequently filmed women in public before they rejected his advances.

Lorcan Tadgh Murphy — who was convicted on Thursday in the Nov. 5, 2024, killing of Michalski in his Budapest apartment — kept troves of files of his secretly recorded encounters with random women on his computer, the Irish Independent reported.

Hungarian police painted a theory of Murphy’s “perversion” using the recordings and digital diary entries where he said his only motivation in life was picking up and having sex with women.

Murphy, who was 37 during his deadly encounter with the 31-year-old Michalski, had footage of 16 different women, all of whom declined his offers, according to the outlet.

He kept a personal record of the best European cities where he found the most success with “hot and how willing” women were. He also made a record of his attempts with women, hoping to get to 1,000 before the fatal encounter with Michalski.

Murphy claimed he had “a few whiskeys” at his apartment before going to a bar where he saw the New York native talking to another man, he told the Budapest Metropolitan Court on Tuesday.

Michalski, who was working as a nurse in Portland, Ore., had just finished a European trip with a friend and was experiencing Budapest nightlife ahead of her return flight to the US.

Nicholas McEntyre

Carville carves up Dems

Political strategist James Carville offered harsh criticisms against far-left Democrats taking aim at their own party in the ongoing primaries, while calling the candidates’ ongoing cannibalization of longtime incumbents “part of the problem.”

In a blistering video Friday for his “Politics War Room” podcast, Carville blasted the nationwide sweep of far-left and Democratic Socialist primary candidates.

“These people are so f---ing stupid,” he said. “Is their solution to beat Republicans, to run against Republicans? No. Their solution is to beat Democrats like they’re part of the problem.

“One party expanded health insurance, all right?” he continued. “Another party destroyed it. One party balanced the budget and created economic prosperity. The other party destroyed it. One party brought about a deal with Iran’s nuclear program. Another party destroyed it.” *Fox News*

Burger price$ by the burg

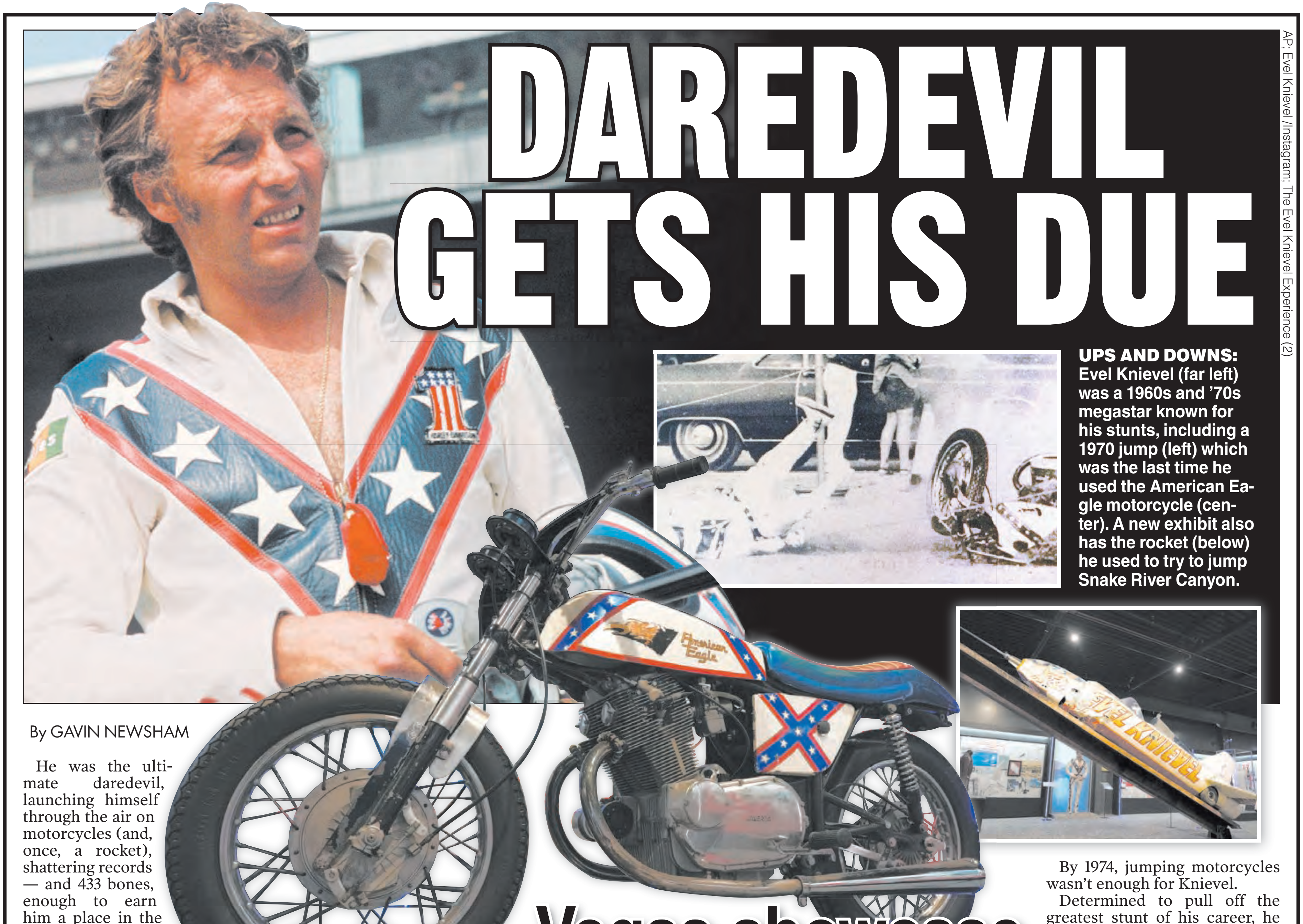
A cheeseburger, fries and a soda remain one of America’s classic comfort meals, but what Americans pay for that combo depends heavily on where they live, according to the so-called Cheeseburger Index.

A new DoorDash State of Local Commerce report, which compares the average price of a cheeseburger, fries and a soda across US cities, found the average price of the meal is lowest in Austin, Texas, at $12.94.

DoorDash said cities in the South and Southeast tend to be more affordable because of lower operating costs, helping the region rank well across both grocery and restaurant price indexes.

The highest cost topped out in Anchorage, Alaska, at $28.28, the report said. It noted the 10 best-value cities are mainly in the Midwest and Texas, with Laredo, Texas ($13.39), Lincoln, Neb. ($13.86), Detroit ($14.99) and Philadelphia ($15.41) rounding out the top five. *Fox News*

DAREDEVIL GETS HIS DUE



UPS AND DOWNS: Evel Knievel (far left) was a 1960s and ’70s megastar known for his stunts, including a 1970 jump (left) which was the last time he used the American Eagle motorcycle (center). A new exhibit also has the rocket (below) he used to try to jump Snake River Canyon.

AP; Evel Knievel /Instagram; The Evel Knievel Experience (2)

Vegas showcase for icon Knievel, his rides & gear

By GAVIN NEWSHAM

He was the ultimate daredevil, launching himself through the air on motorcycles (and, once, a rocket), shattering records — and 433 bones, enough to earn him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Robert “Evel” Knievel became a global icon in the 1960s and 1970s, completing more than 75 ramp-to-ramp jumps during a career that made him one of the most famous performers on the planet.

Now, more than five decades after his heyday, his legacy is roaring back to life at the 20,000-square-foot Evel Knievel Experience in Las Vegas, where fans can get up close to the motorcycles, costumes, helmets, merchandise and memorabilia that made him a household name.

“He was a pioneer, no doubt, and the impact he had can’t be understated,” Mike Patterson, the museum’s co-founder and CEO, told The Post.

Kelly Knievel, Evel’s eldest son and a partner in the project, believes that was exactly what his father wanted.

“My father always thought he should have a museum because he knew exactly what he accomplished and how it inspired so many people,” he said of his dad, who passed away in 2007 at age 69, from complications related to diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis.

These are some of the iconic items now on display:

The helmet that saved his life

On New Year’s Eve, 1967, Knievel attempted the death-defying stunt that turned him into a global superstar: a leap over the iconic fountains outside Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

It ended in disaster.

Charging up the ramp, his Triumph Bonneville T120 suddenly lost power. He slammed into the landing ramp 140 feet away before being catapulted across the tarmac and into the parking lot of the nearby Dunes Hotel.

The toll on Knievel’s body was horrific, with a crushed pelvis and femur, a shattered hip, a broken wrist, two fractured ankles and a severe concussion.

“If it wasn’t for this helmet, there’s a very good chance Evel Knievel would have died,” Patterson said. “And remember, this is a helmet from 1967. It has none of the safety technology riders take for granted today. It’s basically a bucket with a bit of padding inside. When you look at what happened to him, it’s incredible he survived.”

The bike even Knievel couldn’t tame

This American Eagle 750cc carried Knievel through nine major jumps in 1969 and 1970 before it nearly ended his career.

Its final outing came at Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania in August 1970, when he crashed heavily, breaking his shoulder and hand and cracking several vertebrae. He never jumped the bike again, switching to Harley-Davidsons.

Today, the American Eagle is one of the standout exhibits at the museum — but, according to Patterson, it’s easy to see why Knievel gave up on it.

“It’s an amazing piece of history, but it’s a very, very heavy motorcycle and a terrible one for jumping,” he said.

The rocket that could have killed him

By 1974, jumping motorcycles wasn’t enough for Knievel.

Determined to pull off the greatest stunt of his career, he set out to soar across Idaho’s 1,600-foot-wide Snake River Canyon in a 300 mph steam-powered rocket he helped design: the Skycycle X-2.

The Evel Knievel Museum houses not only the Skycycle used in the attempt, but also the top-secret prototype that crashed during testing just a month earlier.

“The test was kept under wraps because Evel believed that if it succeeded, it would take some of the drama away from the real jump,” Patterson said. “But it failed — and that’s when people [around him] started thinking he might not survive.”

Their fears were well founded.

Seconds into the public flight, the parachute deployed too early, yanking the rocket off course and sending it drifting helplessly into the canyon below. Knievel narrowly avoided plunging into the Snake River as the crippled craft crashed down the canyon wall.

Against all odds, he escaped with little more than a broken nose, cuts and bruises.

Rock god forced to 'Jump' out

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HE was Van hailin' himself a cab home! Page Six hears that Van Halen legend **David Lee Roth** somehow got himself fired from an extremely sweet gig at a Hamptons mansion.

We're told that Roth was one of a number of big names hired to play a private, backyard concert at the Amagansett home of bitcoin billionaire **Mike Novogratz** on June 27, along with **Brandi Carlile** and more.

But Page Six hears that things began to go awry at the sound check.

We're told the "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love" rock god was in strikingly high spirits and was allegedly giving Novogratz's domestic staff and concert crew a rough time.

Insiders said the show's producers quickly got fed up with Diamond Dave's diva act and gave him the sequined platform boot.

Reached for comment, Novogratz told us the event was part of a recurring family reunion he's been doing since 1999, known as the Gansett Games.

Asked about the Roth episode, Novogratz said only, "The Gansett Games are about love and positivity."

He's the co-founder of Fortress Investment Group and founder of crypto firm Galaxy Digital, and claims to have tattoos of the logos of digital currencies bitcoin and Luna.

Reps for Roth said they "weren't available for comment." Reps for Carlile didn't get back to us.

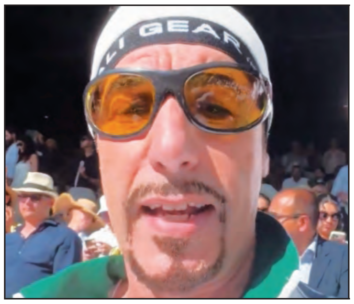
Roth formed the "Jump" band in Pasadena, Calif., in 1974 with brothers Eddie and **Alex Van Halen**.

Roth quit the band in 1985 for a solo career, and he was replaced by **Sammy Hagar**. After decades of legendary feuding with Hagar, he rejoined the band in 2006.

The group disbanded again in 2020 after Eddie's death.

Just a play date

NOW they're not dating in London, too! **Martin Short** and **Meryl Streep** — who have long insisted they're just pals — went on a non-date to see "1536" in the West End on Friday, according to People. Apparently, the "Only Murders in the Building" stars went backstage after the show to meet the cast of the historical drama. "1536," which was written by **Ava Pickett**, is set during the reign of Henry VIII. Streep, 77, and the "Father of the Bride" star, 76, have been not-a-couple since early 2024.



G holding court

AMID reports that **Sacha Baron Cohen** is secretly filming a new Ali G movie, the star showed up as the iconic character (above) to Wimbledon yesterday. The outrageous character was seen in the stands in a white track jacket that says "Official Wimbledon Ganja Dealer" on the back. He also sported a thick gold rope chain and other typical Ali G accoutrements. A Wimbledon source said that "BBC and ESPN were showing Ali G on camera and didn't even realize. Then fans started to notice him." The character first appeared on the UK's "The 11 O'Clock Show" as the infamous "voice of da yoof." And like his Borat character, guests on Ali G's show were usually duped by the star into thinking he was real. A rep didn't comment.

Monica Barbaro has fans in her pocket as she promotes her new romcom, "One Night Only," while out and about in the East Village.

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The writer stuff

GONZO is getting the museum treatment. The Georges Bergès Gallery is opening what it's calling the first exhibition devoted to legendary journalist Hunter S. Thompson. The centerpiece will be Thompson's original typewriter, the machine behind some of the most influential works in American journalism. "Visitors will stand inches from the very machine on which the Gonzo legend was born," gallery founder **Georges Bergès** tells us. "That will never happen again, one room, at one time." Also on display at the Soho space from Thursday will be rare personal artifacts of the "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" writer and ephemera and artwork inspired by him, including pieces by Thompson's longtime collaborator **Ralph Steadman**. The exhibition also launches the Gonzo Festival, a citywide celebration of Thompson's legacy. The festivities wrap with the Gonzo Ball, a charity concert. Thompson died in 2005 at 67, leaving behind a career that spanned nearly five decades and cemented his legacy as a pioneer of the New Journalism movement of the 1960s, as well as a prolific contributor for ESPN, Playboy and Esquire.

Song going 'Far'

COLD comfort! At a special screening of the live-action remake of Disney's "Moana," **Lin-Manuel Miranda** — who wrote the 2016 original's score — told us he had no idea its soaring ballad, "How Far I'll Go," was a banger when he penned it. "I knew it felt like the truest expression of [the Moana character] so far [in the movie]," Miranda (above) said. "But you have to remember, I was in the shadow of **Bobby** and **Kristen** [Lopez's 2013] 'Frozen,' so I was just thinking, 'Don't write ["Frozen" breakout] "Let It Go" — it'll never be "Let It Go."'" He added, "I'm just really proud that all these years later, people still embrace this score because, at the time, everyone was like, 'It's good, it's not "Frozen."'"

Head Stone has been his rock

I now pronounce you man and Keef! **Keith Richards** says his relationship with **Mick Jagger** is like a marriage. "Who's wifey and who's husband is another thing. But maybe that's what keeps it going," Richards, 82, told **Zane Lowe**. "But when you meet the guy that has the same taste in music and the same feel for it as you do, it's more than double the pleasure. You can't put your finger on it, but at the same time, it is a mystery, and I think maybe long may it be a mystery." And, perhaps like a successful marriage, **Ronnie Wood** said the key to their ongoing rapport is that they spend plenty of time apart. "We don't over-soak our hanging out. You know, we lead our own lives, and when we do get back together, it's like no time had gone by," Wood, 79, said. "So we're back in the playground, as you're like naughty school boys, we're back in the studio. That's what we do. We love to interact, as you know, you can tell from the music, off of each other." Jagger suggested the band has stayed together this long because of their success. "I think if the Rolling Stones had had a lot of failure, it wouldn't have stayed together," Jagger, 82, said. Their new record, "Foreign Tongues," is out now.

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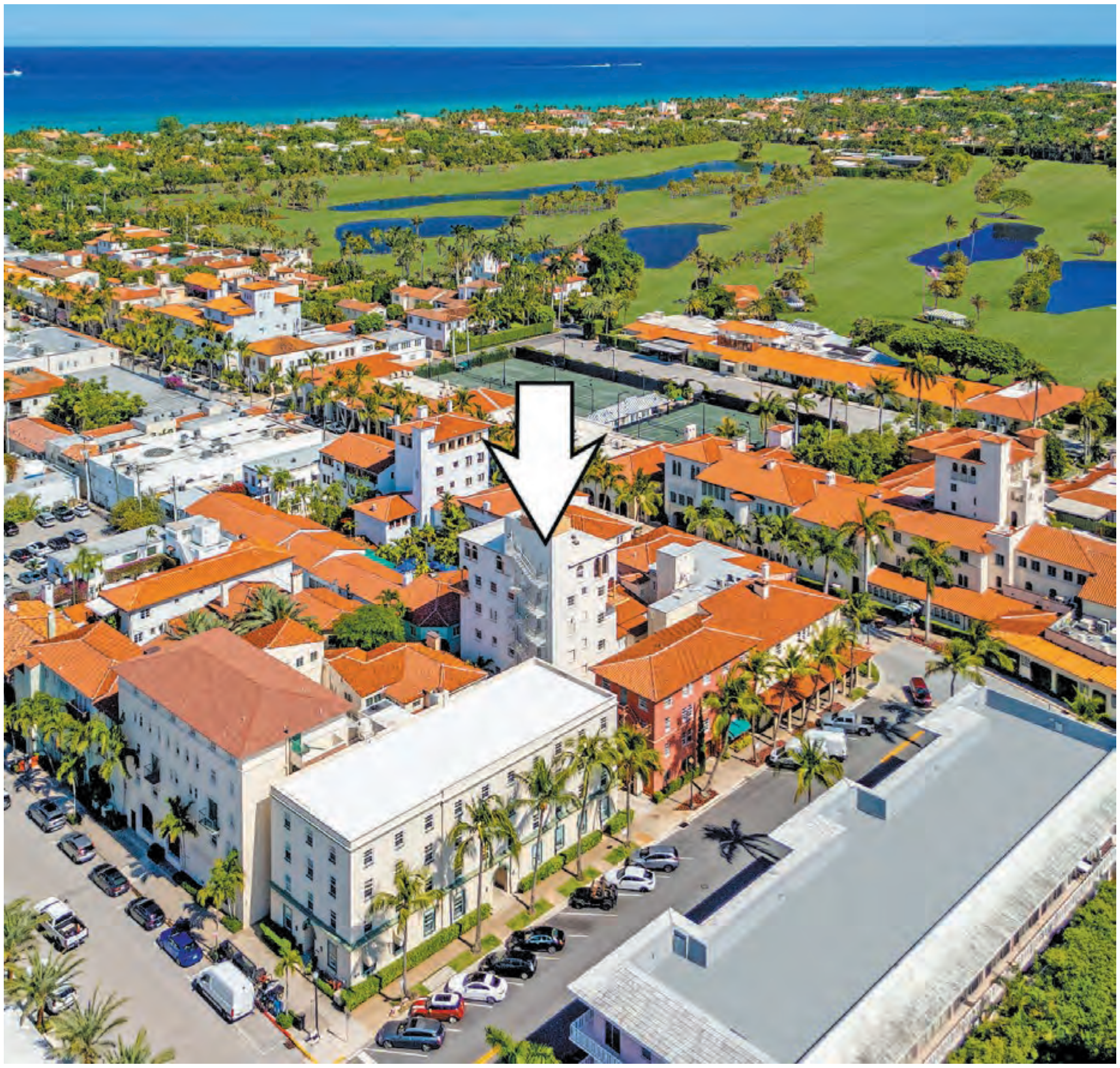

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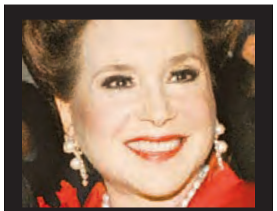

Cindy Adams

THE **Kardashians**. What do they know about anything?

Answer: Nothing. Nada. Zero. Zilch.

But their platform influences millions. Women, experiencing sexuality under their influence, now think all they need to do is wear PJs, shmear wherever, go for a skimpy lacy bra — and get rich.

Forget "Sesame Street" or educational TV. Now, clicks on YouTube constitute education. Today, TV is the learning our kids are receiving. A Madison Square Garden modern classroom is boobs out, behinds visible.

Work hard? Why? You just need an 'A' in fame. Influence.

Where did cursive go? Que pasa with influence? Teachers? Please. Today, you only need fame and your underwear size. Modern curriculum is so important that we can't teach kids to write? Even be in touch with their parents to help send money?

TV, media, Internet do not feature topics based on fact. It's all clicks. To sell products — hair goo, bras, lipsticks and schmattas.

The United States — once a land of leaders, creators, inventors, scientists — is a country today of thoughtless followers. Politicians no longer rep "the people." They're "the people" they're in it for. Congress' Rep. **Ilhan Omar**'s 2019 net worth was in the negative. She must've excelled in arithmetic because in 2025, her estimated net worth was high as an elephant's eye millions. After backlash, it was revised again. Like — below $100K. So, who was her accountant? New Jersey's ex-Sen. **Menendez**?

Nancy Pelosi grabbed a net worth of nearly $300 million, on a congressional salary. Her husband often traded stocks just before — tra-la! — the market had an upswing.

Bill Pulte, home construction and realty development specialist, got appointed as acting director of national intelligence. A guy with a degree in plaster knows about government?! **RFK Jr**. running health? Bathroom **Biden** was in charge of the USA?

The political spectrum mirrors Barnum & Bailey.

Kim Kardashian (left) and sis **Khloé** show the key to success is to get everything off their chests.

khloekardashian/Instagram

Newsies finally get their break

WHAT happened with the news guys: "60 Minutes" could shrink to 10. Anti-Trumper **Stephen Colbert** unemployed. Associated Press no longer associated with the White House. **Jimmy Kimmel** tarnished. We're talking wipeout. The media consistently demean him. They bait him, spin everything he does negative, stay disrespectful. Newspaper or magazine, everyone's pumping **Trump**. The new New Yorker's "Talk of the Town" reports on the NY Times' "impressive" reporter **Maggie Haberman**'s new book "Regime Change" and says she's been on DJT's beat since he was just "a real estate guy hustling for attention in the columns of Liz Smith and **Cindy Adams**." Like or don't like him — it's an impressive read. May presidents be scrutinized, but the war between Trump and the press is crucifixion. The press won't surrender soon. Dissing Trump is a hard habit to break.

Oy, only in New York, kids, only in New York.

Church inferno 'suspect'

Officials have yet to rule out arson as the cause of a fierce blaze that destroyed a landmarked Brooklyn church last month — and are eyeing a suspicious person of interest, sources said.

The fire that tore through the wooden, 173-year-old South Bushwick Reformed Church on Bushwick Avenue on June 19 has yet to be given an official cause, the FDNY said.

But investigators haven't ruled out the possibility of a firebug setting the place alight, according to sources.

Authorities are looking at a suspicious person of interest who was seen on video fleeing the church not too long before it went up in flames, the sources said.

Investigators are also methodically combing through the church's remains for evidence of foul play, though extensive damage and debris have made the effort difficult, they added.

The parish, whose historic steeple collapsed when the blaze broke out, is currently under a vacate order by the city's Department of Buildings.

The three-alarm fire billowed heaps of smoke into the air and tore through the house of worship, requiring nearly 200 firefighters and EMS personnel to respond.

Joe Marino

An un'fare' face-punch

Police are searching for a wacko who randomly punched a straphanger in the face inside a Queens subway station last week, according to authorities.

A 65-year-old man was entering the turnstiles at the Sutphin Blvd-Archer Avenue subway station in Jamaica around 3:20 p.m. on Thursday when an unidentified individual approached him, according to the NYPD.

The stranger then slugged the man in the face and fled the scene on foot, cops said.

The victim was taken to a local hospital by emergency responders in stable condition, police said. *Zoe Hussain*

Film's new evidence in infamous slay

ILL-FATED COUPLE: Twenty years after Scott Peterson (inset, in 2022) was convicted of murdering wife Laci (right, in 2002) and their unborn child, a documentary series claims to have unearthed evidence that he may be innocent.

AP; Calif. Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation

LACI DOCU DOUBT

By GEORGIA WORRELL

A new documentary reveals crucial, never-before-seen evidence that could clear Scott Peterson more than two decades after his conviction in the death of his wife, supporters say.

Peterson, 53, has been serving a life sentence in California since a jury found him guilty of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Conner, on Dec. 24, 2002, a conviction based partly on how he got rid of his wife's body aboard his fishing boat.

Set to air Thursday and Friday, A&E's two-part documentary, "Scott Peterson: The New Evidence" is offering newly unearthed footage, alleged handwritten notes from Laci and expert opinions that its makers say cast serious doubt on Peterson's conviction.

"I lose sleep — and with Scott, probably more than any other case — when I believe [a client] is innocent," Mark Geragos, Peterson's lawyer during his sensational 2004 trial, told The Post.

"You have an instinct or a gut feeling that is honed by doing 10,000 reps, so to speak, and you know when someone is good for a crime or when they're not," said Geragos. Peterson's conviction appeals have all failed.

In a tawdry case that grabbed national headlines, the Petersons were a seemingly picture-perfect couple. But in reality, he was cheating on his pregnant wife with massage-therapist mistress Amber Frey and killed Laci to pave the way for him to enjoy a jet-setting bachelor lifestyle, prosecutors said.

'Stress test'

In 2024, the Los Angeles Innocence Project took over his case, arguing in court filings that "new evidence . . . raises many questions into who abducted and killed Laci and Conner Peterson."

The documentary was filmed to "stress-test" that evidence, according to host Chris Pixley, an Atlanta-based defense lawyer and legal analyst for ABC News.

The nearly three-hour film kicks off with Pixley and retired Los Angeles Detective Ninette Toosbuy retracing Peterson's Christmas Eve drive to the Berkeley Marina, where prosecutors said he dumped Laci's body from his small fishing boat.

Pixley and Toosbuy claim it would have been nearly impossible for Peterson to dispose of the body in broad daylight without any witnesses or leaving behind any significant DNA evidence.

Two strands of Laci's hair were found wrapped around a pair of pliers found under a seat on his boat after her death, although no blood or tissue was recovered from them, and the instrument was rusty from apparent lack of use, according to trial testimony.

The series also reveals defense footage showing a weighted dummy, meant to replicate Laci's body, causing the tiny vessel to capsize while it was being thrown overboard, evidence the jury never saw, the documentary says.

It also highlights handwritten notes allegedly written by Laci that suggest that she knew about Peterson's purchase of the fishing boat, undercutting the prosecution's claim that he had secretly bought it to carry out the killing.

New experts featured in the series also challenge the tidal and wind analysis presented at the trial, claiming that Laci's body could not have washed up where investigators found it if Peterson dumped it where he was fishing.

Advances in fetal biometric science also suggest that Laci and Conner could have died later than Dec. 24, according to the experts, casting doubt on the state's theory that Peterson killed them that day.

The documentary revisits an alternative theory centered on a burglary across the street from the Petersons' home at around the time Laci went missing. It cites seven witnesses who reported seeing a suspicious van in the neighborhood Dec. 24, including a reserve police officer who allegedly told police he saw a pregnant woman being forced into a van.

A van was later found burned in an apparent arson about 1.5 miles away in Modesto's Airport District, a seedy area where a police dog had allegedly tracked Laci's scent during the initial investigation, according to the documentary. Geragos and his defense team didn't learn about the torched van until more than a decade after Peterson's conviction, the lawyer said.

Finally, the documentary and the LAIP accuse the Modesto police of mishandling and even destroying potentially significant evidence in the case, including witness interviews, investigator notes and property recovered from the burglary.

Modesto police did not respond to a Post request for comment.

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Qatar's ex-emir dead, 74

Qatar's former emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, a sweeping modernizer who seized power in 1995 and broke with tradition to hand it over to his son 18 years later, died at the age of 74.

Qatar's top government body, the Amiri Diwan, announced that Sheikh Hamad had died on Sunday morning. It did not mention the cause of his death.

The Qatar that the current emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, inherited was already well on its way to being remade by his father.

Sheikh Hamad presided over one of the most consequential periods in the country's history, driving a rapid transformation of the tiny desert state that reshaped its economy, global profile and political ambition. An independent-minded personality, he explained in a speech to mark his abdication in 2013 that he wanted a new generation "with their innovative ideas and active energies" to take over. *Reuters*

Toronto fest gun deaths

At least two people are dead and several others injured after a wild gunfight broke out at a large Latin street festival in Toronto on Saturday.

The violence erupted at the Salsa on St. Clair festival just after 8 p.m., Toronto Police Service said in a statement on X.

Five people were being treated for gunshot wounds, police said. The two killed were declared dead at the scene.

The conditions of the wounded were not immediately known. *Ella Morrison*

Man goes flying in Wyo.

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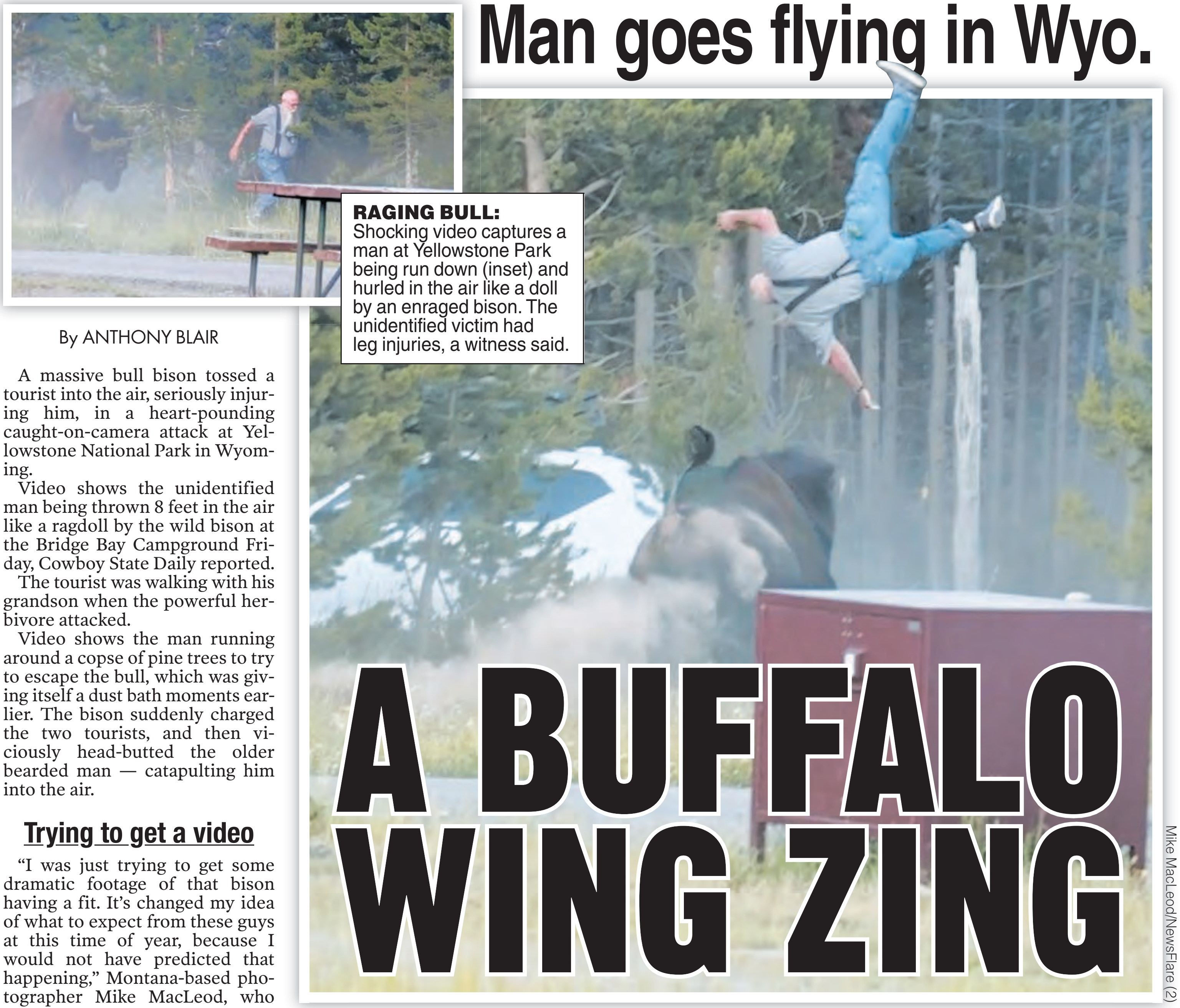

RAGING BULL: Shocking video captures a man at Yellowstone Park being run down (inset) and hurled in the air like a doll by an enraged bison. The unidentified victim had leg injuries, a witness said.

Mike MacLeod/NewsFlare (2)

By ANTHONY BLAIR

A massive bull bison tossed a tourist into the air, seriously injuring him, in a heart-pounding caught-on-camera attack at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Video shows the unidentified man being thrown 8 feet in the air like a ragdoll by the wild bison at the Bridge Bay Campground Friday, Cowboy State Daily reported.

The tourist was walking with his grandson when the powerful herbivore attacked.

Video shows the man running around a copse of pine trees to try to escape the bull, which was giving itself a dust bath moments earlier. The bison suddenly charged the two tourists, and then viciously head-butted the older bearded man — catapulting him into the air.

Trying to get a video

"I was just trying to get some dramatic footage of that bison having a fit. It's changed my idea of what to expect from these guys at this time of year, because I would not have predicted that happening," Montana-based photographer Mike MacLeod, who took the pictures, told Cowboy State Daily.

"He [the bison] started walking through the campground. He was coming up to this group of kids, who were taking pictures on their cellphones from a good distance away, and then the buffalo charged these kids," MacLeod said.

The photographer stepped in to try to scare off the animal.

"I had to get the bison's attention. I was really afraid he was going to gore the guy on the ground, so I stopped videotaping and ran at the bison, yelled loud, and was trying to be as big and intimidating as possible," MacLeod said.

When the bison was gone, MacLeod and others rushed to help the victim.

The man was in a lot of pain, particularly in his hips and the leg he landed on, but MacLeod and others couldn't see any external injuries.

"One guy held his hand. Another guy pulled security on the outside to make sure that the bison didn't come back. A gal in a car was on the phone with 911, and another gal did a blood sweep, but we couldn't find any blood," MacLeod said.

No update has been released on the condition of the man tossed by the bison.

MacLeod said the bison likely attacked because it was feeling territorial due to the current rutting season, which runs between June and September.

During this time, male bison can show extra energy and aggression as they compete for dominance and females.

"You can tell [the bison] was agitated, pissed off, and charging anything and everything," MacLeod added.

Bahamian DJ, band perish in plane crash

A local DJ and members of the well-known Bahamian music group Da Pond Band were among those killed in a fiery plane crash that claimed the lives of all 10 people on board on Friday.

The Bahamas Musicians and Entertainers Union confirmed the tragic losses to the Caribbean country's music scene in a statement on Saturday.

"Among the dearly departed are some of the talented and vibrant members of our entertainment community, including members of The Pond Band and a DJ," the union said in a statement on X, without naming the victims.

"(Their) passion, dedication, and artistry touched so many lives and helped to enrich the cultural fabric of The Bahamas," the union added.

Aviation sources told CBS News that the DJ was DJ Fresh.

Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Davis paid his respects to the victims on X.

"Ann and I are praying for the families who are now facing unbearable grief," Davis wrote.

"This is a painful moment. The families affected deserve compassion, privacy, and support as the investigation proceeds."

Davis had initially said that one person survived, but later confirmed in a news conference that the person died from their injuries.

The aircraft was a Cessna 402 that departed Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau shortly after 1 p.m., headed for San Andros.

First responders, including the Royal Bahamas Police Force, the Airport Authority, and emergency medical personnel, rushed to the site, where the plane was engulfed in flames.

Daniel Cody, with Wires

How Mafia and Westies gang made

By MICHAEL KAPLAN

THOUSANDS of families visit the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center every year for events like the Westminster dog show, Comic Con and International Auto Show.

Very few of them realize the blood spilled, extortion extracted and dead bodies connected with the exhibition space, as it rose from the ashes of former railyards to host such jazzy gatherings.

During construction from 1979 through 1986 and in the early years of operation, the burgeoning center on the very west end of 34th Street was a cash cow for New York's criminal elite.

It also limned the rise and fall of a violent Hell's Kitchen-based Irish gang, the Westies. Those gangsters and the Javits Center play key roles in a new scripted crime series, "The Westies," which premiered Sunday on MGM+.

"The Westies felt like they owned the neighborhood where the Javits Center was," series co-creator Chris Brancato, who specializes in historically inspired crime dramas, told The Post.

"Cops were on the pad [payroll] and the Westies felt a sense of freedom to do what they wanted, whether it was legal or not," such as bookmaking, loan-sharking, drug dealing and contract killings.

Underhand opportunities abounded at the New York City signature construction project of the '80s, which required the use of workers from a wide swath of unions, who already had mobsters rifling their coffers.

Bounty of bucks

"Everyone understood that the Javits Center was going to be an unprecedented bounty of criminal rackets," JT English, author of the definitive book on the gang, "The Westies" (not part of the series, which is more a "historical fiction," according to Brancato) told The Post.

At the time, English explained, no source of kickback or extortion was too trivial for milking: "That included food carts for the workers, the laying of cement, painting," even porta-potties.

AP photo

GOLDEN GOOSE: The Javits Convention Center on the far West Side has long hosted all-American events like Comic Con (in 2016 above), but during its construction in the early 1980s (below), organized crime figures, including Genovese family boss Paul Castellano (right), sank their hooks in and got rich off the unions used to build the facility.

AP photo

Bettmann Archive

"Everything from soup to nuts [and bolts] in the construction. There were different unions that were controlled by different players in the universe of organized crime."

Money flowed from the project to the unions to the mobsters. "That," said English, "was how things were done in New York during the '70s and '80s."

The Westies formed in the early 1960s, originally under Irish-American mobster Mickey Spillane (not to be confused with the writer of the same name) who controlled Hell's Kitchen.

They used a familiar playbook across the West Side of Manhattan. By the time the Javits Center went up on their turf, they had cut their teeth by exploiting the building of Madison Square Garden on Eighth Avenue and 54th Street (it would later move 20 blocks downtown), the New York Coliseum, where the Time Warner Center currently sits, and every Broadway show that required set building or costume making.

While different mobs generally kept to their turf, the construction of the Javits Center — occupying a 20-acre plot of land — immediately attracted the attention of the Italian Mafia, particularly the Gambino crime family, then led by Paul Castellano, who wanted to wet their beaks.

That was problematic for Spillane, and led to what became known as the Irish-Italian war of the '70s.

"In came a rivalry, which was actually a low-grade war," said English, explaining Spillane was adamantly against working with the Italians.

"The Gambino family hired a notorious Irish hit man named Joseph 'Mad Dog' Sullivan and they started associating with underlings related to Spillane. They cut Mickey's organization out from under him. They basically wanted his group inside [their own] so they could move in [on Javits]. This was all a business decision."

Sudden, violent end

Known as the "Gentleman Gangster," Spillane was shot down in front of the Queens apartment building where he and his family lived.

Whether or not "Mad Dog" killed him is unclear, although he was a suspect and reportedly iced two of Spillane's henchmen.

No one was found guilty of Spillane's murder, but it did create a power gap in the Hell's Kitchen underworld. Local hood Jimmy Coonan and his Westies right-hand-man Mickey Featherstone muscled control. Coonan proved to be a volatile boss, while Featherstone, a former Green Beret, was characterized as the baby-faced enforcer.

As the '80s dawned, The Westies aligned with the Italians and money flowed to the gangsters, generally at the expense of legitimate workers.

"For the first time in history, the Gambinos formed an alliance with the West Side Irish," said English. "They wanted to bring the Westies under their domain so that they could have access to all of the West Side rackets."

The Westies were prone to over-the-top violence. Although the gang was relatively small, with only up to 20 members according to English, by 1986 they were linked to 30 unsolved killings, per news reports of the time.

Even the Italian Genovese crime family boss "Fat Tony" Salerno — himself eventually charged with multiple murders — described Featherstone and company as "crazy."

They proved it one night in the Sunbrite bar, a Westies hangout on 10th Avenue, when one of the gang's lieutenants showed up carrying a milk carton containing the genitalia of a recent murder victim. There were even rumors about a man's missing head being brought to the Sunbrite and set down on the bar, ready to be served a cold one.

The Westies' violent rep was further burnished by Eddie "the Butcher" Cummiskey, a man reputed to have learned the butchering trade while doing time in Attica. Upon his release, running with the Westies, he used his skills to dispose of "evidence,"

money & blood flow at convention site

NYPD

VICIOUS: Initially, it was the Westies, including (l. to r.) Mickey Spillane, Jimmy Coonan, Mickey Featherstone and Eddie "The Butcher" Cummiskey, who cashed in.

MOBS — & GOBS OF JAVITS LOOT

breaking down human bodies as if they were cows or pigs.

Besides murder, the gang was big on extortion, gambling and counterfeiting. Featherstone got busted for passing bogus bills after a prostitute in a massage parlor helped ID him, correctly pointing out his name, "Mickey," was tattooed on his arm.

In broad daylight

Illustrating how wild and brazen the Westies became, Brancato recalled: "Mickey Featherstone committed a murder, out on the open street, in daylight. A guy insulted Featherstone in a bar. He left and borrowed a weapon from Coonan. Then he went back and shot the guy, right outside the bar."

As the 1980s wore on, the difference in approach between the Italian and Irish gangs became apparent.

"The Italians were organized crime and the Westies were disorganized crime," quipped Brancato. "The Westies were heavy drinkers, had a willingness to take on contract-killing jobs ordinary criminals might not be willing to do, and they had a penchant for making bodies disappear.

"By that, I mean they would kill someone and literally grind the body into dust. No body, no arrest. That was the theory."

However, it didn't always work like that. In 1985, just as construction began wrapping up on the Javits Center, Michael Holly, a construction worker, was shot dead near the front entrance, a killing which was then tied to the Westies.

Brooke Palmer/MGM+

THE BOSS: J.K. Simmons stars in "The Westies" on MGM+, which goes deep into the mobs' ties to the Jacob Javits Center.

Featherstone — who by then had fallen out with Coonan, feeling he had betrayed his Irish roots by cozying up to the Italians — was charged and jailed, then convicted. He hadn't, in fact, committed the murder and the conviction was later overturned, but by that time it was too late, he'd begun singing like a proverbial canary.

Featherstone's snitching on his former gang pals was noticed by a hungry young prosecutor by the name of Rudy Giuliani, who put together a Westies task force with the NYPD.

'Unspeakable cruelty'

Gang members started to fall and the gang itself was dismantled. Coonan was busted for racketeering and received 75 years in prison.

When he was sentenced in 1988, the judge described the boss as a "a man without any redeeming features" and the perpetrator of "unspeakable cruelty." His appeal for a shortened sentence was rejected last year.

Meanwhile, Featherstone eventually entered witness protection, while Giuliani took the template he devised for the Westies and applied it to the Italian mob, which became their downfall too.

As for the Javits Center cash cow, it also stopped bleeding money when authorities cracked down.

"The Javits Center was the ultimate criminal racket: A construction project that was going to use almost every union in the city," said English.

"It became a feeding frenzy and, almost unsurprisingly, it was the thing that brought the Westies down. When you have violent criminals from different organizations, all working on the same thing, people get killed. It was almost too good to be true."

Homicidal (h)elephant!

Stalks & tramples Nepal family

By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

He has a long memory.

A notorious rogue Nepalese elephant has stalked resident Shanichara Bote for years, killing four of his family members 14 years apart — including two of them even after they all moved miles away to try to escape the homicidal pachyderm.

Bote's nightmare began in December 2012, when Dhurbe — an infamous killer elephant whose human death toll is now up to 25 — fatally trampled the man's parents in the Nepalese town of Madi near Chitwan National Park, the Kathmandu Post said.

The grief-stricken son packed up and moved himself and the rest of his family to safety, setting up his new homestead in Jagatpur, nine miles away and across the Reu and Rapti rivers, the outlet reported.

It wasn't far enough.

Earlier this month, Dhurbe tracked down the family and burst into their home, killing Bote's daughter-in-law, Ashika Bote, 25, and his 4-year-old grandson, Bharat Bote.

"We believed that moving across the major rivers would keep us safe," Bote told the Kathmandu Post. "But after all these years, the exact same elephant found us again, raided our home and took my daughter-in-law and my little grandson.

"There is nowhere left for us to run."

Dhurbe's lethal past

The elephant has a long history of fatal misdeeds — he has reportedly killed more than two dozen people since 2010, park officials told the outlet.

"Prior to this tragic incident, Dhurbe had officially claimed 23 human lives," said Abinash Thapa Magar, a rep for Chitwan National Park. "With these latest two casualties in Jagatpur, the confirmed number of fatalities attributed to this single elephant has now risen to 25.

"We have been utilizing a satellite tracking collar to monitor the movements of this highly aggressive male elephant," Magar added. "Our data logs show that this location coordinates were pinned directly around the perimeter of the incident site on [July 4]."

According to Vice, 93 soldiers set out to kill Dhurbe after the fatal 2012 attack and shot the beast twice — although he still made his getaway.

The elephant resurfaced in 2016 and was fitted with a new tracking collar in 2020 after the original one stopped working — but a third was put in place in 2023, the outlet said.

The collar pings Dhurbe's location every hour — but has not succeeded in stopping the attacks.

ROGUE PACHYDERM: Dhurbe has terrorized Shanichara Bote's family for 14 years, killing his parents in 2012 and his daughter-in-law and grandson this month.

Spirited booze law campaign

Cheers!

A business coalition is launching a campaign to loosen nearly century-old, Prohibition-era state laws for selling booze in New York.

The Business Council of New York State, liquor merchants, hospitality leaders and bars and restaurants are propelling the "Cheers for Change" push.

During the past several years, the state has enacted a series of reforms, such as allowing more operational flexibility for restaurants and bars.

But some neighborhoods have complained about being inundated with bars and restaurants, and there is expected to be resistance to scrapping or relaxing buffer zones between liquor establishments or near schools.

A representative for Gov. Hochul said she is on the case and already has scrapped some antiquated liquor laws. *Carl Campanile*

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Monday

Today: Plenty of sunshine. High 81 to 87.

Tonight: Clear. Low 67 to 73.

Tuesday

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. High 89 to 95.

Tomorrow night: A crystal clear sky and warm. Low 73 to 79.

Wednesday

Very hot, humid. High 93 to 99.

Evening
Partly cloudy. Low 72 to 78.

Thursday

Partly sunny; hot. High 89 to 95.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 68 to 74.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

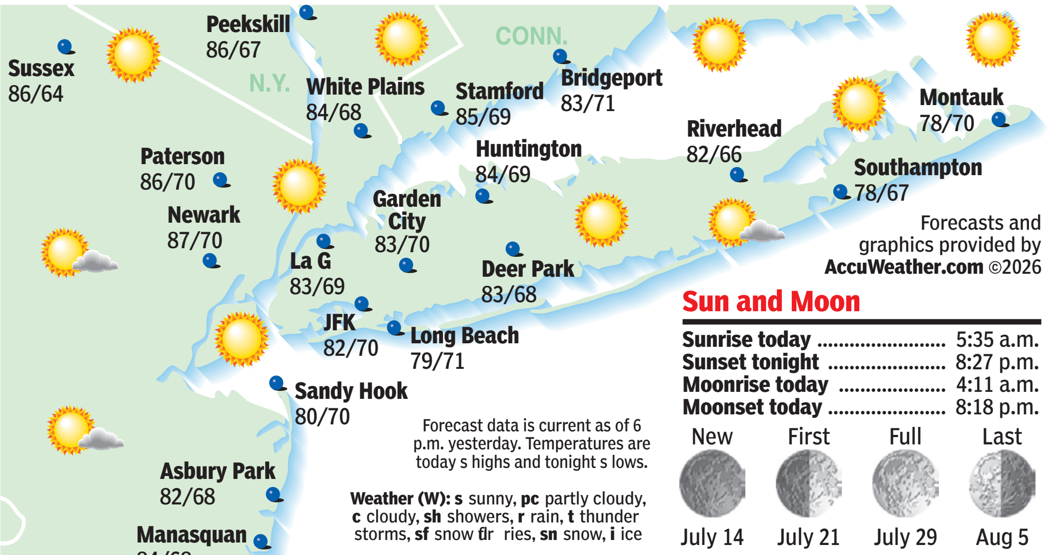
Temperature
High: 84, Low: 69, Mean: 77

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 1 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 1.56 ,
Year: 19.38 , Normal year to date: 25.33

Cooling Degree days yesterday...............12
Total for the month (normal).......156 (146)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........556 (454)
Last year to date....................................500
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 82
UV index (for Mon.) .... 10 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 41%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Trees, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Mon.) .... Good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Montauk
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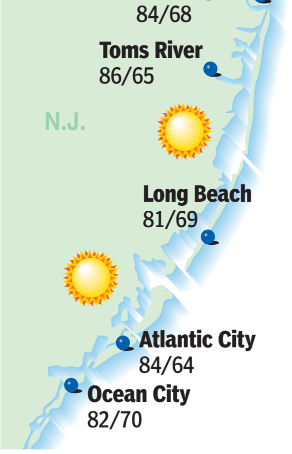
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Ocean City
82/70

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today s highs and tonight s lows.

Weather (W): s sunny, **pc** partly cloudy, **c** cloudy, **sh** showers, **r** rain, **t** thunder storms, **sf** snow flr ries, **sn** snow, **i** ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:35 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:27 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 4:11 a.m.
Moonset today .... 8:18 p.m.

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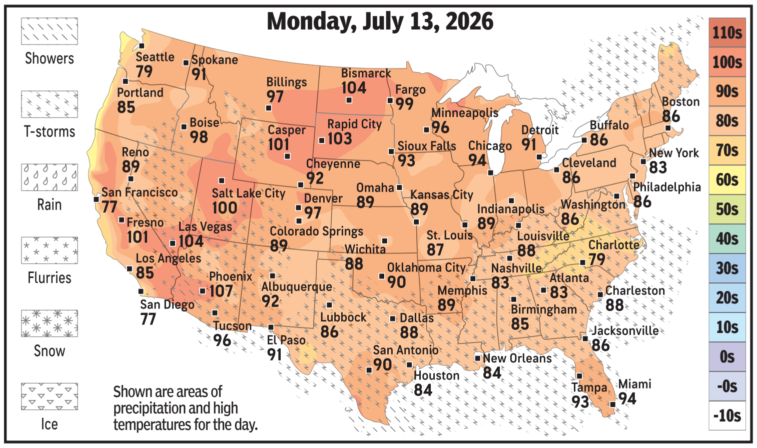
Monday, July 13, 2026
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
Seattle 79
Spokane 91
Portland 85
Billings 97
Bismarck 104
Fargo 99
Boise 98
Casper 101
Rapid City 103
Minneapolis 96
Detroit 91
Buffalo 86
Boston 86
Reno 89
Cheyenne 92
Sioux Falls 93
Chicago 94
Cleveland 86
New York 83
San Francisco 77
Salt Lake City 100
Denver 97
Omaha 89
Kansas City 89
Indianapolis 89
Washington 86
Philadelphia 86
Fresno 101
Las Vegas 104
Colorado Springs 89
St. Louis 87
Louisville 88
Charlotte 79
Los Angeles 85
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	7:22a	7:42p	8:17a	8:35p
Fire Island	7:12a	7:55p	8:10a	8:48p
Hempstead	11:13a	11:25p	12:07p	
Huntington	11:04a	11:19p	11:58a	
Jones Inlet	7:06a	7:26p	8:01a	8:19p
Montauk Point	8:19a	8:54p	9:14a	9:46p
Port Washington	11:19a	11:30p	12:15p	
Sandy Hook	7:26a	7:46p	8:21a	8:39p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	88/68/sh	98/78/pc
Danbury	85/66/s	93/73/s
Glens Falls	88/63/pc	97/72/pc
Gr Barrington	85/61/s	97/71/s
Kingston	89/67/sh	101/73/s
Liberty	83/63/s	93/71/s
Monticello	83/62/s	93/71/s
Newburgh	88/68/s	98/74/s
Poughkeepsie	87/65/s	98/73/s
Saratoga Springs	89/65/pc	100/77/pc
Stroudsburg	86/62/s	95/70/s
Torrington	85/66/s	94/72/s
Syracuse	90/71/pc	96/75/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	94/74/s	92/72/s
Baghdad	118/88/s	116/87/s
Beijing	94/73/sh	94/72/pc
Berlin	84/61/pc	82/58/t
Cairo	96/75/pc	97/75/pc
Dublin	69/56/s	71/59/s
Geneva	93/69/pc	97/67/pc
Hong Kong	92/83/r	86/81/t
Jerusalem	86/68/s	88/67/s
Kabul	88/66/pc	90/68/pc
London	84/61/pc	88/63/s
Madrid	92/69/s	98/69/s
Mexico City	73/55/r	76/56/pc
Montreal	81/69/t	91/70/t
Moscow	74/60/sh	73/61/sh
Paris	95/72/pc	96/73/pc
Rio de Janeiro	71/63/r	71/62/sh
Rome	91/70/s	92/70/s
Sydney	69/50/s	69/51/s
Tokyo	91/76/r	94/79/pc

MEL C
Fought with V. Beckham.

Spicy row had Mel C near boot

Mel C almost got kicked out of the Spice Girls over an argument with her bandmate Victoria Beckham.

The singer, 52, revealed their fight during her recent appearance on "The Louis Theroux Podcast." Mel C — whose real name is Melanie Chisholm — shared that it occurred at the 1996 BRIT Awards. They had an "amazing night" drinking champagne and getting to sit at a table with Lenny Kravitz.

But Sporty Spice said the night took a turn.

"We were just leaving, we were going to find our car, and whatever the situation was, I just turned around and go, 'Victoria, f--k off,' " she recalled. "I go home, go to bed, I wake up the next morning, and I was in a lot of trouble."

Mel C said Mel B (Scary Spice) and Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice) told her they were "disgusted" with her behavior, and that the group's manager also came down hard on her.

Antoinette Bueno

Kids 'left in hot car' at eatery

A Kansas couple allegedly left their six children, including two infants, in a hot car while they dined at a fast food chain on a scorching day, according to reports and authorities.

Michael Krueger, 53, and Tiffany Krueger, 40, were each hit with six counts of aggravated child endangerment after cops were dispatched to the Wingstop in Salina on Wednesday afternoon, KWCH reported.

The Kruegers were allegedly inside for 20 to 30 minutes, the outlet reported.

Zoe Hussain

ILLEGAL'S SLAY RAP

BAD BLOOD: Shahidul Islam (inset) has been indicted in the May 2025 Florida shooting death of his sister-in-law, Monica Islam (left). He earlier had re-entered the country after being deported.

WESH; Lake County Sheriff/Facebook

Deportee ran off to NYC after murder

By JEANNE ERICKSON

A Bangladeshi national who repeatedly re-entered the US illegally after being deported and later went on the lam in New York City has been indicted in the execution-style killing of his sister-in-law, whose body was found on the side of a Florida road last year.

Shahidul Islam, 44, was indicted Wednesday by a Lake County grand jury on a charge of first-degree premeditated murder in the May 2, 2025, slaying of Monica Islam, 44, State Attorney Bill Gladson said.

Prosecutors, who are seeking the death penalty, argued that the crime never would have happened had the nation's immigration system worked properly.

"This crime was completely preventable," Gladson said while detailing the suspect's long history with America's immigration bureaucracy.

Investigators allege Monica's husband, Rashedul Islam, and Shahidul were accused of domestic violence against her in a December 2024 case, according to media reports. Monica was last seen at a convenience store where her daughter worked before surveillance footage captured her walking toward Shahidul Islam's car. Then she vanished.

Searches about killing

At about 7 a.m., a passerby discovered Monica's body near an intersection outside Mount Dora. She had been shot in the head.

Investigators said phone records and online activity revealed Shahidul's numerous "suspicious" searches about murder on the morning of the killing.

A search warrant for Shahidul's vehicle uncovered a shattered passenger-side window, a bullet projectile lodged in the door and bloodstains inside. DNA testing matched the blood to Monica, prosecutors said.

Shahidul allegedly rented another car and bolted for sanctuary in New York City following the murder.

According to Gladson, Islam spent more than half a decade bouncing through the immigration system.

Gladson said court and immigration records show Islam had been deported, illegally re-entered the US, served a 10-month federal prison sentence for an immigration offense and was later released under supervision.

Prosecutors allege he failed to report to his probation officer and disappeared, using aliases while traveling around the country.

Then he met Monica through his brother Rashedul.

"No family should ever have to endure the pain of such a senseless and horrific attack of violence as this one," said Florida Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia, whose office includes the state Criminal Investigations Division.

"Shahidul Islam illegally entered our country after being deported, committed this heinous crime, and then fled to a sanctuary city."

He was eventually located in New York thanks to a joint law-enforcement operation, prosecuted on a federal immigration charge and returned to Lake County to face the murder case, authorities said.

Florida "will continue to stand firm against crime, sanctuary cities and illegal immigration," and "will never apologize for putting the safety of law-abiding families first," Ingoglia said.

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Quit Whining

AOC, Gen Z are blind to how lucky they are

DAVID HARSANYI

EPA

Golden Age baby: Ocasio-Cortez & Co. are living in the best of times.

ALEXANDRIA Ocasio-Cortez says she knows why socialism is on the rise: Blame it on the Boomers.

"Millennials and Gen Z combined, now for the first time, are eclipsing the number of Baby Boomers," she explained recently. "Young people overall feel a tremendous amount of betrayal about the world we've been left."

It's inarguable that younger generations *feel* this way. The notion that Millennials and Gen Z are toiling in a uniquely grueling economic era, however, is utterly delusional.

But convincing young people they've been handed a broken world only fostered an unprecedented sense of hopelessness. You are not victims of "oligarchs," unfettered capitalism or any other imaginary monsters.

One of the most popular myths these days — you hear from both sides all the time — is that the American middle class is being gutted. It's simply not true.

In 1980, 36% of American families were middle-class. Only 31% of Americans are still in the middle class because the upper middle class has grown from 10% of households to over 30%. The middle class is shrinking because the upper middle class is expanding.

Real median income has not only grown across all classes over the past 40 years, but it has zoomed past the rest of the Western world. The average Americaln family in Mississippi now has a higher per-capita GDP than the average French, British or German family. That's a pretty remarkable economic inheritance. Just ask the soccer fans visiting for the World Cup.

Another big grievance of younger people is that housing has become far too expensive. It's a genuine concern. But ownership rates are no lower today than they were in the '60s, '70s or 90s, and most of the 1980s.

The homeownership rate in 1980 was 65.5%. In 2025, it was 65.4%. Rates temporarily spiked through the 2000s when government policy incentivized millions to "buy" houses they couldn't afford with no money down.

Housing shortages are driven by the laws of physics. It's not the Boomers' fault that too many people want to live in and around major urban areas.

You also wonder if the average Gen Zer understands the environment is infinitely cleaner today than it was 30, 40, 50 years ago? There's been widespread reforesting and wetland restoration. There is far less litter. Air quality is drastically cleaner. As is water.

When Boomers started driving, gas was leaded and most cars didn't even have catalytic converters.

Gen X grew up worried about things called "nuclear winter" and "acid rain." An average household spends far less on clothing and food than their grandparents did. And yet, they also have substantially more choices, including international and nutritious fare.

It's true that health-care costs have risen. Some of it can be attributed to bad policy. Most of it reflects prosperity, as younger Americans will generally enjoy longer life expectancy and better care than any generation before them. Big Pharma, one of the industries reviled by Ocasio-Cortez and her allies, keeps coming up with ways to keep people with once-deadly diseases alive. None of it is cheap. Yet.

Then again, we are generally safer. Vehicular deaths per 100,000 have been cut in half since 1980. Fire-related deaths and workplace fatalities have plummeted. Last year, there were 305 murders in New York, one of the lowest annual homicide totals in the city's recorded history.

When Ocasio-Cortez first won her congressional seat, Time magazine writer Charlotte Alter wrote a glowing profile of the socialist newcomer, explaining that her "adulthood was defined by financial crisis, debt and climate change. No wonder she and her peers are moving left."

Since Ocasio-Cortez turned 18 in 2007, there have been only two negative growth years in the United States, one of them due to a worldwide pandemic. From 1970 to 2007, there was, on average, a negative or recessionary year every three to four years.

Americans worked through recessions in 1928, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1953, 1958, 1960, 1969, 1973, 1980/1981, 1990, and 2001, without turning to socialism.

The only thing special about Ocasio-Cortez's adulthood is that the recessions have become shorter and less severe. AOC is living in the golden age.

Boomers have failed on plenty of fronts, but being on the hook for a ridiculously expensive student loan on a useless degree isn't one of the great tragedies to have befallen mankind. It's just the consequence of choices. And most progressives want other people to pay for their choices.

There are plenty of serious problems — there always are — but historically speaking, by virtually every quantifiable measure available, Americans are living in a uniquely wealthy and safe world.

Ocasio-Cortez should be thanking Baby Boomers for the world they left her.

FAST TAKES

Economist: How *Not* To Save Social Security

New figures show the Social Security trust fund could "be exhausted" by 2032, reports Andrew G. Biggs at National Review, but the plan from Sens. Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) to save it by "eliminating the payroll tax cap" would make things *worse*. It would "create massive incentives to shift compensation to non-taxable" income, "reduce economic growth and, with it, [tax] revenues" *and* prompt employers to slash wages, cutting revenue further. Plus, it would *increase* benefits, defeating the supposed purpose. "What Social Security reform desperately needs" is planners who "understand the purpose of a social insurance program — namely, to protect poor seniors, survivors, and the disabled," and not to replace "what households and private markets can better provide on their own."

Censorship beat: Propagandists Run Wikipedia

"Not even a co-founder" of Wikipedia "can edit it if he is attempting to implement his program of reform," fumes Larry Sanger at the Washington Examiner, after finding that "a relatively small clique of anonymous administrators" can ban users who counter the site's "propagandist bent." It's grabbed "the attention of the global internet": "Powerful admins routinely gang up on people who don't fall in line," running a "dictatorship of the twee." "Special-interest Wikipedia editorial groups" run "offline discussion groups," some funded by the Wikimedia Foundation, to "edit articles of keen interest to progressives" with cash coming from "the state of Qatar, the Gates Foundation, and Libya's sovereign wealth fund."

Linguist: The 'Gun Violence' Lie

The term "gun violence" has grown "so common it's easy to miss how strained it is," removing the "the actual person doing the violence" to absurdly suggest that "guns are committing the violence," warns John McWhorter at The New York Times. This "lexical politesse" "obscures the vivid picture of something horrible that happens disproportionately in black communities," because "even as crime has gone down" it remains "tragically ordinary for young black men to be shot in poor black neighborhoods." The idea seems to be to "create a new term for something" to "get people to think about it differently," when we really need "action so that eventually there isn't anything more to euphemize about."

China beat: Miracles of Freedom Needed

Ezra Jin

After "266 days in a Chinese prison," "I was reunited with my family" on the eve of America's birthday, explains Pastor Ezra Jin at The Wall Street Journal. "My gratitude goes first to President Trump" and then "to the members of Congress and other US officials" who pushed Beijing for his release. "I expected a long sentence for founding and leading Zion," one of China's "house churches," but when "guards ushered me into a van last Friday . . . I was free." Yet 28 other Zion leaders and "eight of my fellow church members" remain imprisoned; "I won't rest until they see freedom." China's leaders have "no reason to fear" those who "want to worship God peacefully according to the Bible." "I hope all our church members are freed," though it may seem "impossibly remote." "Mine is a God of miracles, and he constantly surprises me."

Prison watch: Don't Kneecap Vital Reforms

"Violent crime is falling nationwide, with murders on track to be the lowest since 1900," David Safavian and Justin Keener cheer at The Hill. Yet proposed federal budget cuts would "undo this progress." With President Trump's First Step Act and new funding from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Bureau of Prisons leaders have "implemented initiatives to stop contraband, increase security and cut recidivism," now down to 45%. Yet the "cuts would fall hardest on the front-line professionals" doing this work and so "undercut crime control." Bureau leaders have "rejected the status quo and brought about a new vision for improving corrections to make our communities safer." Congress must step up "to make that vision a reality."

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To Honor Graham's Legacy

Sen. Lindsey Graham's sudden passing immediately brought well-deserved, fulsome tributes from across the political spectrum, but actions can speak louder than words — and his colleagues in Washington and his beloved South Carolina have clear opportunities to honor his legacy by continuing it.

Specifically, the House and Senate can pass the additional, "secondary" sanctions on Vladimir Putin's Russian war machine that Graham pushed in recent months, and the Palmetto State can choose a like-minded patriot to succeed him in the US Senate; Rep. Joe Wilson is the obvious pick.

Graham's service to his country began in his teens: He joined the ROTC in college and joined the Air Force JAG Corps on graduation from the University of South Carolina School of Law — and, on retirement from active duty moved to the Air National Guard, later deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan even as he served in Congress.

His dogged determination to preserve the rule of law even in wartime never wavered, occasionally putting him in conflict with other Republican hawks but also deepening his long friendship with the late Sen. John McCain.

On other fronts, he *led* the party, notably in standing up righteously, furiously, to Democrats' underhanded efforts to torpedo the Supreme Court confirmation of now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

And led with humor, as appropriate; consider his unmatched 2015 dig that Sen. Bernie Sanders "went to the Soviet Union on his honeymoon, and I don't think he ever came back."

Graham's clear-eyed patriotism made him a firm supporter of the US military, a great friend of America's strong allies such as Israel and a relentless foe of the "Death to America" rulers of Iran as well as Russian despot Vladimir Putin.

He stood up for Ukraine when President Barack Obama ignored Putin's 2014 invasion and forever after, including when Putin launched his fresh attempt to conquer Kyiv as President Joe Biden dithered in 2022.

And he's pushed President Trump to take a tougher stand — a direction Trump has been taking of late, as Ukraine's forces push Moscow's onto the ropes.

That makes this the obvious moment for strong, bipartisan votes in the House and Senate to pass Graham's sanctions bill so Trump can sign it into law and let Vlad know that Lindsey's beating him from the grave.

In South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster and his fellow Republicans can honor Graham by choosing a Senate successor who'll carry on his battles. Joe Wilson, another solid GOP vote and friend of Ukraine, Israel and other frontline democracies, seems the obvious choice (though he's declared he'd rather continue serving in the House).

No one can replace Lindsey Graham, but all Americans of good will should be inspired to keep up his lifelong fights for freedom, decency and justice.

How China Funds the US Far Left

Beware: The Chinese Communist Party is plainly exploiting the opaque ownership structure of multinational tech companies to fund far-left political subversion across America.

Shanghai-based Maoist tech millionaire Neville Roy Singham is a notorious funder of outfits like the crypto-communist People's Forum, which organizes radical protest-riots in support of Hamas terrorism and protecting the butchers who control Iran; his wife co-leads extremist Code Pink while his niece is a big player in the Democratic Socialists of America and a prominent adviser to Mayor Mamdani.

The Singhams got crazy-rich in the tech industry, but you have to wonder if Beijing staged their success to "wash" a vast fortune that could then undermine our nation.

The State Department has identified the Singham network as a tool of Chinese propaganda and influence operations, and it looks like it's not unique. The new "antizionist" American Priorities supported key recent Democratic primary wins of far-left House candidates — and the PAC gets much of its cash from techies made rich by Beijing-favored mobile-ad and data company AppLovin, as Liel Liebovitz reports at Tablet.

AppLovin's incredible success is itself a mystery, with reported revenues involving murky cash flows among "independent" entities whose legitimacy seems questionable, as well as possible click-farm deceptions.

The feds in 2016 had to block on national-security grounds the company's sale to a state-backed Chinese private equity firm. And one of its largest individual shareholders is Hao Tang, a Chinese national with reported CCP ties who allegedly exercises secret control of the firm via offshore shell companies. Tang is such a questionable character that JPMorgan Chase shut down its lucrative banking relationship with him in February over concerns regarding his business practices.

American Priorities spent millions this year on rabid anti-American candidates like Darializa Avila Chevalier, who doesn't believe in borders and thinks putting murderers in prison is a bad idea, and most of that cash came from AppLovin ex-execs Omer Hasan, Mohammad Waqas Javed and Tariq Afaq Ahmed.

No, we see no evidence that these techies, with their sudden interest in donating millions of dollars to far-left candidates, are simply doing Beijing's bidding.

But China's pattern of interference in America politics is well-documented. The New York Times reported just last week that China, Russia and Iran are all pushing hysteria to create "grassroots" opposition to new US data centers in a strategic effort to slow the pace of American innovation.

Liberals write off concerns about foreign subversion of US politics as McCarthyism, but if China is indeed funding the DSA takeover of the Democratic Party, the party's mainstream needs to wake up before it's too late.

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Mamdani's 'Enclave' Map: Why Delete NYC History?

THE ISSUE: Mayor Mamdani's "immigrant enclave" map that leaves out neighborhoods like Little Italy.

Mayor Mamdani

- As a person with Greek and Italian roots, I find it appalling that the new "immigrant enclaves" map fails to mention either nationality ("'Little' ethnic outrage," July 9).

Little Italy in Manhattan and Little Athens in Astoria have been established neighborhoods for decades, but both were ignored. It appears that the Mamdani administration, in efforts to pander to its base, has once again ignored historical facts.

Ted Rallis
Mamaroneck

- Newsflash to all European ethnicities remaining in New York: As far as the mayor is concerned, you don't matter anymore! **John Ketelsen**
Ocean, NJ

- I can't stand Mayor Mamdani, but he's 100% right to leave Little Italy (and Jewish enclaves) off his "immigrant enclave" list. What's left of the Italian and Jewish immigrant enclaves?

Mulberry Street is Chinese, Arthur Avenue is Albanian and I'm not sure Eldridge Street Synagogue even has a regular minyan. A few familiar stores and restaurants don't mean it's still the old neighborhood.

Larry Sulner
Upper East Side

- I'm a proud Irish-American third-generation Local 147 SandHog. My union built the foundations of the Brooklyn Bridge, water tunnels as well as subway and car tunnels.

For Mamdani to leave out the Irish neighborhoods on his New York City map is a joke.

Shout out to Woodlawn, Sunnyside, Maspeth and Woodside. The Irish are a huge part of building New York City. **Tim McCarthy**
Nassau County

- The mayor's omission of Little Italy from the "immigrant enclaves" map exemplifies his disdain for the scions of Italy. Excluding people whose blood, sweat and tears forged New York City violates the mayor's stated policy of inclusion.

Rosario Iaconis
Mineola

- Mamdani's divisive map really tells you who he is. The enclaves that are recognized are inhabited with people he can rely on to vote for him.

To completely ignore Italian and Jewish neighborhoods is to show how little regard he has for the people in those neighborhoods. Maybe that's just one of the reasons people are leaving the city.

J.J. Levine
Miami Beach, Fla.

Buckling Building Is a Warning

THE ISSUE: An unstable Midtown building at risk of collapse while undergoing construction.

- The structural emergency at the former Pfizer building is still under investigation ("That's a 'propper' job," July 9).

Why was there such pressure to build bigger?

As taxes, maintenance costs and regulations have increased, many New York buildings have become harder to operate profitably. Adding floors and apartments can become the only way to make the numbers work.

Public policy can create powerful incentives to maximize development. If the city wants safer, more sustainable projects, it should examine whether its policies are pushing buildings and developers to their limits.

Looks like New York's housing policies may have more structural issues than the building itself. **Ariel Lederman**
Manhattan

- The collapsing building in New York City highlights the need for city and all local governments in the region to beef up their building departments. The city should also prioritize inspections of buildings with previous code violations or those that have been exposed to flooding. There should be periodic structural assessments by licensed engineers for buildings over a certain age or height.

Enforce repair deadlines and strong penalties when dangerous conditions are identified. This building is a warning.

Paul Feiner, Greenburgh

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Daughters Fight Back

To undo DAR trans power play

KATIE COOK

I AM a proud descendant of Jane Trail West, an American patriot from South Carolina who furnished critical supplies to the Continental Army during the Revolution. That made me eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution — but only after my mother, grandmother, aunts and I documented and defended our link to that remarkable woman.

Proving our connection to her demanded months of meticulous genealogical research: We had to locate primary sources, cross-referencing wills, deeds, pension records and supply ledgers, to satisfy the DAR's exacting standards.

The painstaking process deepened our appreciation for the organization's mission. DAR honors our national and family legacy in a women's space created for daughters. Female patriots like Jane remind us that women's contributions to the founding era were essential, often in ways history overlooks.

Like many members, I had assumed the DAR's identity as a single-sex women's organization was secure. Last month, I learned I was wrong. That's when delegates voted to reject a resolution that would have clarified something that once seemed obvious: Only biological women are eligible for membership. The defeat means trans-identifying males can join an organization whose very name reflects female lineage and female experience.

The DAR was founded in 1890 by women who had been turned away by the Sons of the American Revolution, which explicitly limits its membership to men — a group for male lineal descendants of Revolutionary patriots that still exists today. The two groups were deliberately structured along sex-based lines from the beginning, and there's no compelling reason to collapse that distinction now.

Lineal descent is biological, and a human comes into a familial lineage through the physical body of their biological birth. The rigorous proof DAR requires — a documented bloodline across generations — makes biological reality obvious.

Allowing biological males into the DAR doesn't expand inclusion; it merely redefines the word "daughter." But self-identification or a revised birth certificate cannot alter chromosomes or gametes — or the historical truth of who actually lived as a daughter in 1776 or 1890.

Reuters

Tradition: Daughters of the American Revolution in Pensacola, Fla., read the Declaration of Independence to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday.

Changing that meaning under the pressure of contemporary gender ideology erodes the very foundation this group was built to protect.

Female patriots like Jane Trail West supported the Revolution through distinctly female roles; honoring their loyalty, courage and resourcefulness through a women's organization is coherent and necessary. Extending membership to biological males, however sincere their interest, severs that coherence.

The result of last month's vote left the DAR at a crossroads. But for me and many others, it's brought not discouragement but a sense of renewed commitment. It was a powerful reminder that heritage organizations like ours require vigilant, active participation to remain true to their founding principles — and that protecting women's spaces isn't automatic, but demands ongoing engagement.

Concerned members have already laid the groundwork for a constructive path forward. A tiny fraction of the DAR's active membership — fewer than 2,500 out of 190,000 — actually participated in last month's vote.

In the days since, more than 100 chapters in 34 states have requested, per DAR bylaws, a special meeting in October to directly address the question of membership eligibility. It will offer a chance for the broader membership to openly discuss whether the DAR will continue as an organization rooted in biological female lineage — or whether it will evolve in a different direction.

To have that honest debate, though, members must step up, spread the word, and drop the complacency that left the DAR in crisis. My mother, my grandmother and I will participate personally, at both chapter and national levels, to ensure our family's voice is heard.

This isn't about division; it's about stewardship. For more than a century, the DAR has welcomed women of diverse backgrounds who prove their lineal descent while maintaining its identity as a women's patriotic society dedicated to historic preservation and education.

Women's single-sex spaces exist because sex-based realities and shared experiences matter — whether in heritage groups, athletics or private associations. My family joined the DAR to honor real ancestors and real history, not to redefine biological categories.

This organization's strength lies in fidelity to its founding purpose as a society of women descended from those who secured American liberty. Our granddaughters, and the memory of women like Jane Trail West, deserve no less — and in October, we'll have a chance to prove we're paying attention.

Katie Cook is a policy research assistant at Independent Women.

GRAHAM: FEARLESS IN EVERY WAY

MIKE WALTZ

'THE man who really counts in the world is the doer, not the mere critic — the man who actually does the work": Theodore Roosevelt could have been describing Lindsey Graham.

I first came to know Lindsey not as Sen. Graham, but as Col. Graham, a man who regularly stepped away from his role as a senator to put on an Air Force uniform, go down range and train Afghan military lawyers. He wanted to hear directly from the troops, see the mission with his own eyes and bring that ground truth back to Washington.

Lindsey didn't just talk a big game about supporting our troops. He backed up every word with 33 years of service in the Air Force, eight years as a congressman and 23 years as South Carolina's senator and elder statesman.

At every step, he fought to give our men and women in uniform the best training, the best equipment and every advantage over the enemy. Regardless of party, Sen. Graham was fearless in asking hard questions to ensure we were serving those who served us.

I admired that instinct in him: Never make policy from a conference room when Americans are carrying it out in the field. Go there. Ask the uncomfortable questions. Listen to the sergeants and junior officers. Then come home and do something about what they told you.

That hasn't always been a popular way of writing policy. But Lindsey did not particularly care if it ruffled feathers or whose ointment he'd be the fly in. He was there to do the work.

It was the same way when we served on the Hill together. After the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, Lindsey and I introduced resolutions in the Senate and House calling on the State Department to designate the Taliban for what they were: a foreign terrorist organization.

We pushed to freeze the regime's assets and to deny it access to international funding. We also demanded answers when reports emerged that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs had allegedly promised to warn his Chinese counterpart in advance of an American attack.

It's a testament to how effective Lindsey was that it wasn't long before Gen. Mark Milley himself felt compelled to sit down with us in an attempt to explain himself. These were hills Lindsey was willing to die on.

He was clear-eyed about America's enemies, fiercely protective of the constitutional chain of command and unwilling to let Washington legislate away our future.

> ‘ Lindsey did not particularly care if it ruffled feathers or whose ointment he'd be the fly in. ’

Lindsey brought a Gamecock's fighting spirit to every cause he believed in.

He was yet another convert to President Donald Trump and became one of his fiercest and most loyal allies.

He lived for a judiciary that serves the Constitution, the Founders' intent and the American people. He fought tooth and nail for President Trump's Supreme Court and was fuming mad at the mistreatment of Brett Kavanaugh.

In a sentence: He was eminently comfortable being in the minority. And, there were few arguments Lindsey lost.

He believed four things must always be true: America must lead, our allies must know we will stand with them, our enemies must fear the consequences of testing us, and our troops must never be sent into harm's way without the tools they need to win. Our foreign-policy successes are rooted in those beliefs, and they've already paid dividends.

Our hearts break for his sister, his nieces and the family who knew the man behind the senator, soldier and statesman.

President Trump has lost a trusted friend. South Carolina has lost a relentless champion. Our troops have lost one of their fiercest advocates.

I have lost a friend, a fellow veteran and a partner in the fight. Rest easy, Colonel.

We will take it from here.

Mike Waltz is the US ambassador to the United Nations

The Post Puzzle Page

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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A_1 E_1 W_4 L_1 H_4 C_3 S_1 RACK 1

A_1 I_1 O_1 Y_4 T_1 C_3 P_3 1st Letter Triple RACK 2

E_1 E_1 O_1 R_1 R_1 P_3 M_3 RACK 3

A_1 I_1 O_1 C_3 C_3 L_1 R_1 Double Word Score RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 213

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

SOLUTION

RACK 1 = 14
RACK 2 = 66
RACK 3 = 61
RACK 4 = 72
TOTAL 213

C_3 A_1 S_1 H_4 E_1 W_4
O_1 P_3 A_1 C_3 I_1 T_1 Y_4
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C_3 A_1 L_1 O_1 R_1 I_1 C_3

PAR SCORE 150-160

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 8
♡ A 9 5
◇ Q 5
♣ A K Q 9 8 6 2

WEST
♠ 7 2
♡ J 4
◇ A K J 9 8 4
♣ 10 7 5

EAST
♠ 9 6 5 4
♡ K Q 10 6 2
◇ 10 2
♣ J 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 3
♡ 8 7 3
◇ 7 6 3
♣ 4

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	2 ◇
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead – ◇ K

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"If you think your glass is half-empty, pour the contents into a smaller glass and stop complaining. — graffiti

Today's South was an optimist. He arrived at four spades, and West, who had overcalled in diamonds, led the K-A. When East followed with the ten and deuce, West led a third diamond, hoping his partner could overruff the dummy. Sure enough, when dummy ruffed with the eight, East produced the nine and shifted to the king of hearts.

Declarer took the ace but was marooned in dummy. He took the A-K of clubs and got rid of a heart, but when East ruffed the queen, declarer had a heart loser. Down one.

South would have made an overtrick if West had held the nine of trumps, but a pessimist — he always sees half-empty glasses — would protect the contract. On the third diamond, dummy discards a heart; South preserves the eight of trumps for communication. If West shifts to a heart, South can win and draw trumps, then take high clubs to pitch his last two hearts.

Word Force

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 14** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Saturday's word:
ARROWHEAD

adore
ahead
ardor
arrow
award
aware

dower
hared
heard
hoard
horde
oared

order
radar
rower
wader
whore

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

POLITICAL DONATIONS — Solution: 7 letters

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Last Saturday's Answer: Smooth

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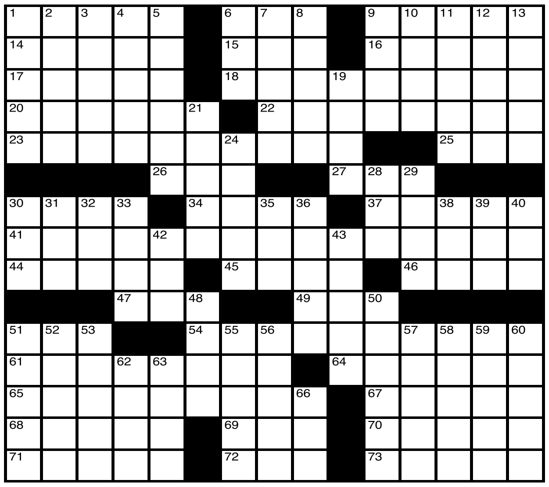
Quick Crossword



Across
1 Not together
6 Nile cobra
9 Adjust to one's surroundings
14 Printer cartridge
15 "The Producers" filmmaker Brooks
16 "The Hunchback of __ Dame"
17 Perennial with yellow flowers
18 Ramble at length
20 Most chilly
22 Struggling at bat, say
23 Chat at length
25 Fluffy lapdog, familiarly
26 Catch some rays
27 Actress Mendes
30 Woeful word
34 Make fun of
37 Figure __: skater's pattern
41 Blather at length
44 Brooded
45 French cleric
46 Risk-taker's hashtag
47 Try to win over
49 "Now I've seen it __!"
51 Theater chain letters
54 Jabber at length
61 __ Springs, New York
64 IV drip solution
65 Hidden bar of the Prohibition era, or an apt title for this puzzle?
67 Signals of hunger
68 Notification
69 Round Table title
70 Comedy show host
71 Pound sounds
72 Letters from a polite texter
73 Active types

Down
1 Storage space that often has a slanted ceiling
2 Eggs Benedict recipe instruction
3 "__ Get Your Gun"
4 Fix again, as a torn seam
5 Clandestine meetings
6 Musician's sound booster
7 Letter embellishment
8 First-choice tactic
9 Picnic pests
10 American Girl product
11 Gobbled down
12 "Coming soon" ad
13 Evening news hr.
19 London art gallery
21 "Green" digit for a gardener
24 Sherlock's sister, per three Netflix films
28 Nov. honoree
29 Spacious, in a way
30 20s source
31 Language spoken in Vientiane
32 European peak
33 Distort, as data
35 Chicago MLBer
36 Shish __
38 Prefix with thermal
39 Sci-fi computer villain
40 Boxing ref's ruling, for short
42 Brouhaha
43 Flies off the shelves
48 Orchestra woodwind
50 Bounded
51 Analyze for purity
52 Baseball bat wood
53 Fishing basket
55 Audibly stunned
56 Pizza Margherita herb
57 Avis rival
58 React to a cringey faux pas
59 Emotion voiced by Lewis Black in the "Inside Out" films
60 Positive responses
62 Senior advocacy group
63 Times Sq. sales booth
66 Calendar divs.

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GREAT GALL OF CHINA

US companies report 'brazen' theft of AI tech

By THOMAS BARRABI

Anthropic and OpenAI warn that China has been ripping off their cutting-edge AI to produce cheap, open-source chatbots — a massive, unchecked technology heist that threatens not only the razor-thin US lead in artificial intelligence but also its national security, according to experts.

On June 24, San Francisco-based Anthropic, headed by outspoken CEO Dario Amodei, sent a letter to Congress directly accusing Alibaba of "brazen" AI theft through so-called "distillation" — a technique in which an advanced AI model is used to train a less capable one without permission and at a fraction of the cost and time.

That was just months after Sam Altman's OpenAI in February accused China-based DeepSeek of "ongoing efforts to free-ride" on its work. That same month, Google warned of surging "malicious activity" originating in China, Iran, North Korea and Russia.

As The Post reported, these attacks have helped Chinese models steal away US business customers by dangling rock-bottom prices for the increasingly costly "tokens" needed to use them. Six of the top 10 most-used AI models were developed by Chinese tech firms, including Z.AI, Minimax and DeepSeek — all of which boast capabilities nearly as advanced as Anthropic's Claude or OpenAI's ChatGPT.

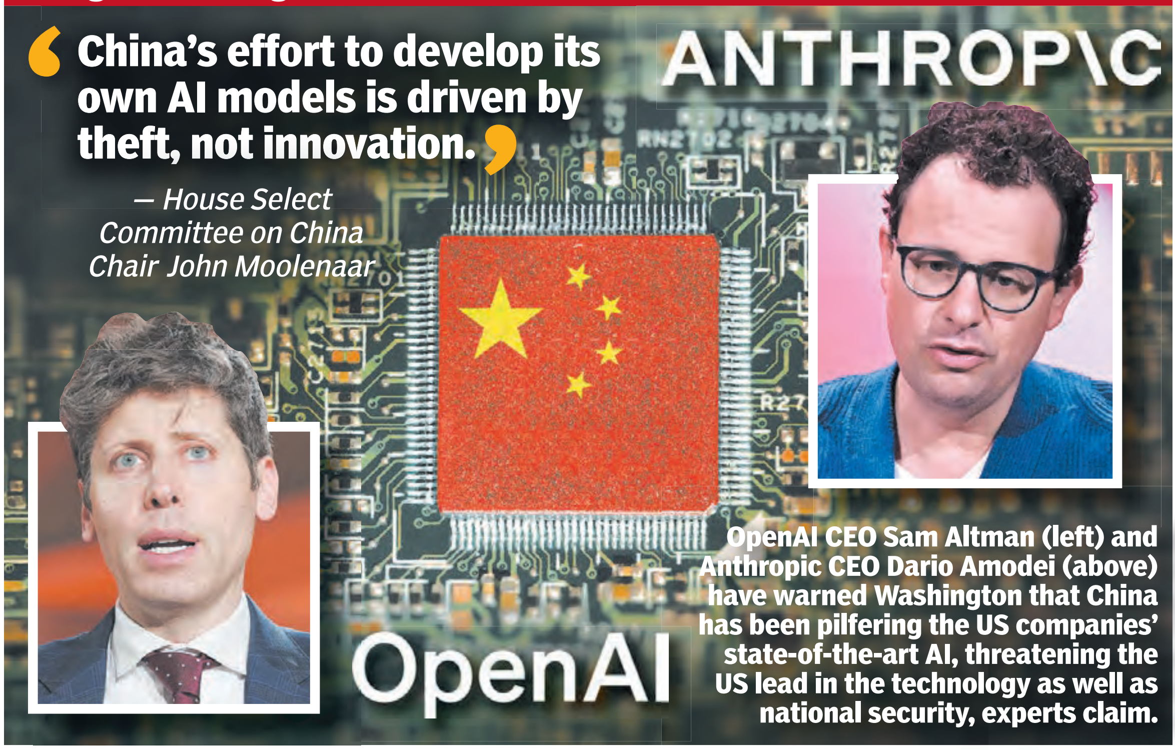
Narrowing gap

"If today we say China is roughly six to nine months behind us on frontier models, we think that if they were not able to distill or they were less effective, they'd probably be closer to something like 18-plus months behind," a source close to Anthropic told The Post. "That number of months makes a big, big difference."

Anthropic — whose powerful Mythos and Fable models were temporarily taken offline due to the White House's concerns they could be weaponized by China — have regularly briefed Trump national security officials about distillation attacks, including as recently as this month, sources close to the company told The Post.

"We have basically spoken to every part of the government about this," including the White House and Congress, one of the sources added.

Caught stealing



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— House Select Committee on China Chair John Moolenaar

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman (left) and Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei (above) have warned Washington that China has been pilfering the US companies' state-of-the-art AI, threatening the US lead in the technology as well as national security, experts claim.

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If the Chinese hacks aren't stopped, sources warn they could allow adversaries to erode America's global leadership on AI development — or even aid the spread of terrifying hacking or autonomous weapon capabilities.

The Trump administration has identified distillation as a key challenge in the winner-takes-all race to develop advanced AI. In April, the White House's Office of Science and Technology published a memo accusing "foreign entities, principally based in China" of engaging in "deliberate, industrial-scale" theft campaigns.

China's distillation attacks are the "ultimate form of industrial homework theft," according to Theresa Payton, who served as the White House's chief information officer under President George W. Bush.

"It allows foreign adversaries to clone the smartest kid in the class for pennies on the dollar," Payton told The Post. "They effectively are bypassing United States chip bans by using our own multibillion-dollar AI model to build their own."

The distillation technique is a crucial strategy for China in part because its AI labs have been hamstrung by US export controls on the powerful computer chips needed to build advanced models, such as those sold by Nvidia.

Fraudulent accounts

In its June 24 letter to the Senate Banking Committee, Anthropic alleged it had evidence that Alibaba employees illicitly generated 28.8 million outputs from its Claude chatbot using nearly 25,000 fraudulent accounts from April 22 through June 5 of this year.

Soon after the letter surfaced, Alibaba banned its employees from using Anthropic's Claude model — an empty gesture, according to company sources, because Anthropic already bans China-based entities from using its AI models.

The Post reached out to Alibaba for comment on Anthropic's allegations.

Anthropic previously called out three other China-based AI labs in February — DeepSeek, Moonshot and Minimax — for using the same distillation tactic to improve their models.

Meanwhile, OpenAI briefed the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and other Congressional staffers on China-linked misuse of AI in June, a company spokesperson said. The briefing included details on how China uses AI to conduct malicious influence operations and OpenAI's view that stronger policy tools are needed to hold bad actors accountable for distillation attacks.

The House Select Committee on China — which released a major report in April detailing China's "history of AI Chip Smuggling and Model Distillation" — said it is pushing for legislation to combat the threat.

"China's effort to develop its own AI models is driven by theft, not innovation. This is a threat to our tech companies and our national security," Select Committee Chairman John Moolenaar (R-Mich.) said in a statement to The Post. "The CCP buys what it can and steals what it must, so it is vital for our government and our companies to prevent China's theft in the AI arms race.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New SEC rule

Activist investors in the US must disclose the identities of their clients in regulatory filings, the Securities and Exchange Commission said in a move that may rattle hedge funds by requesting information they have long fought to keep secret.

Pipeline fine

A proposed legal settlement with the US government would require the Keystone Pipeline system's operator to pay a $26.9 million civil penalty over a major December 2022 oil spill in Kansas and spend about $40 million more to prevent future accidents.

Oil forecast

The global oil market will break out of its roughly $80-$100 range by the first quarter of 2027, boosting inflation and reducing demand, if the Middle East war continues, said Claudio Descalzi, the CEO of Italian state-controlled energy company Eni.

P'mount deal

The Oregon Attorney General's Office said it has withdrawn its court motion to delay Paramount's proposed $110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery.

Search for AI

Tata Consultancy Services is building a team of up to 8,900 engineers and hunting for AI acquisitions, two TCS executives said.

Sources: AP, Reuters

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REALTY CHECK

Onward & upward

Big projects advance despite Zo policies

WHAT a week it was!

Manhattan saw three major actions that gave confidence in the commercial market no matter what "socialist" fantasies Mayor Mamdani throws at it.

Most visibly, ground was broken for the new Amex tower at Two World Trade Center — portending the guaranteed completion of the whole WTC site.

Meanwhile, full demolition began for 350 Park Ave., the 1,414-foot-tall skyscraper developed by Vornado, Rudin and Ken Griffin.

And, also remarkably, Airbnb bought 281 Park Ave. South for $81.5 million.

The three situations reflect a commercial economy stronger than any impediments, delays or political resistance.

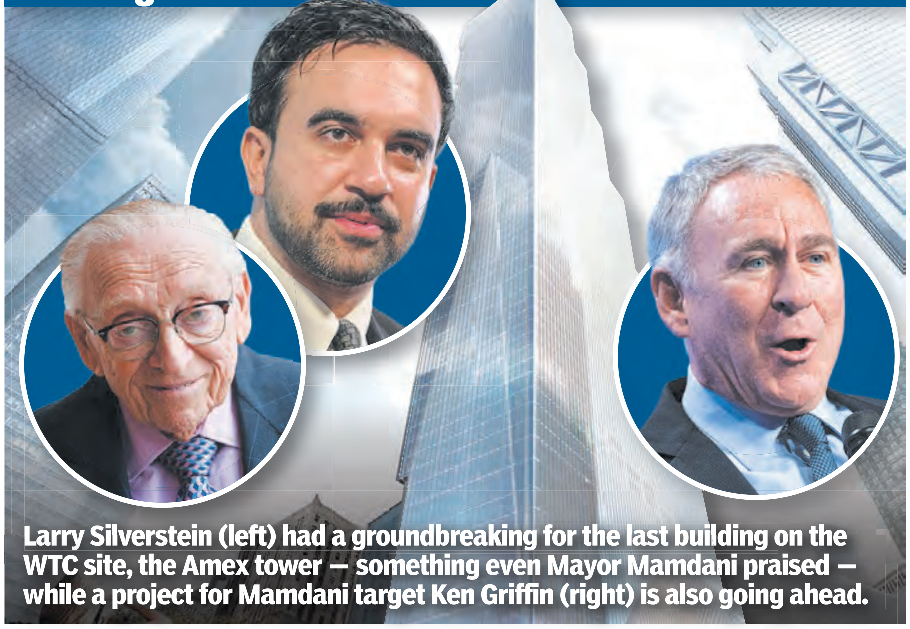
The saga of 2 WTC is too well known. The start of construction by Silverstein Properties, which is building the tower for Amex, caps a two-decade struggle to create an all-new World Trade Center, which many elected officials and most of the media opposed for years after 9/11.

After the success of the other new towers finally made the obstructionists back off, Larry Silverstein, 96, had to start over when two potential anchor tenants backed out. The Amex deal is a personal triumph for him in the face of political and bureaucratic resistance and bad luck.

The groundbreaking ceremony drew not only executives of Amex, Silverstein and the Port Authority, but even Mamdani, who wielded a shovel with the others. The mayor weighed in with rare praise for a private-sector project, saying, "I am proud to welcome American Express' new global headquarters to lower Manhattan. This is not just a sign of confidence in the future of our city — it is an investment in thousands of good jobs, the local economy, sustainability and the final piece of the rebuilt World Trade Center."

Wow!

Building a future



Larry Silverstein (left) had a groundbreaking for the last building on the WTC site, the Amex tower — something even Mayor Mamdani praised — while a project for Mamdani target Ken Griffin (right) is also going ahead.

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Not leaving

In Midtown, demolition for 350 Park Ave. strongly suggests Griffin means to go ahead with his nearly 1 million square-foot lease commitment for two of his Citadel companies at the project, despite his justified fury at Mamdani for dissing him over his $238 million apartment.

Vornado and Rudin wouldn't likely be taking down three entire buildings on Park Avenue and East 51st and East 52nd streets if they feared Griffin, who is a partner in the project with them, would change his mind about occupying half of the skyscraper.

The Airbnb purchase similarly reflects that corporate priorities can trump a malicious political climate.

Mamdani and Democratic congressional nominee Brad Lander are openly critical of Airbnb — but it started with the Eric Adams administration, which specifically targeted Airbnb with regulations to limit short-term stays.

The deal to buy 281 Park Ave. rescues the beautiful property from what could have been years of vacancy. The building originally owned by a Protestant church organization was sold in 2014 to Aby Rosen's RFR, which leased it to Sweden's Fotografiska museum from 2019 to 2024.

Rosen, who got 63% more on the sale to Airbnb than he paid for it, commented, "Great buildings reward great stewardship. We bought 281 Park Ave. South because it's a masterpiece, restored it with the care a landmark deserves, and this outcome is the result."

Differing figures

But while there's no question the Manhattan office market is roaring, certain metrics can be perplexing.

Case in point: JLL's just-released second-quarter survey cites overall vacancy of 13.5% — which was roughly in the same ballpark as CBRE's tally of 14.4%, Newmark's 14.3%, Colliers' 13.4% and CoStar's 13%.

But Cushman & Wakefield said overall Manhattan vacancy was 19.3%. While that was substantially lower than the brokerage's estimate of 22.6% one year ago and 23.8% in 2024, what accounted for the firm's much higher availability estimate than those of its competitors and of CoStar?

Cushman Vice President for US Corporate Communications Garrett Derderian explained to Realty Check, "We keep the leased availability in our statistics until the tenant is presumed to physically occupy the space."

He said, "It's the most accurate way to calculate absorption which is why we use this methodology. So when the tenant occupies the space we delete the leased availability so it is not double-counted."

Ford-Canada union pact

Ford Motor Co. says it has reached a tentative agreement with Canadian auto union Unifor on a three-year national labor contract.

The contract covers more than 5,000 unionized employees in Canada, the company said on Saturday.

Ford and Unifor did not immediately respond to a request for comment on details of the agreement.

Unifor began negotiations with Ford last month, commencing talks on new contracts with Detroit's Big Three automakers — Ford, General Motors and Stellantis (formerly Fiat Chrysler) — seeking better pay, job security and benefits for its nearly 19,000 members at those companies. *Reuters*

VW big plans lineup cut

Volkswagen's CEO indicated in comments published Sunday that he's trying to avoid closing plants as he seeks to turn around the German automaker's performance.

The company faces pressure to cut costs at home and increasingly intense competition in the Chinese market.

Last week, Volkswagen said its "fundamental realignment" over the past three years had reached its next phase, announcing plans to streamline the model lineup by up to half.

"There are more intelligent solutions than closing plants," CEO Oliver Blume told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper. *AP*

NEW YORK LIFE

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Donovan Harrison a/k/a Donovan A. Harrison, New York City Environmental Control Board,
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EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	10	1	3	33	31	11
Inter Miami CF	9	2	4	31	39	28
Chicago	8	4	2	26	27	16
New England	8	5	1	25	22	18
Red Bulls	6	5	4	22	25	32
Charlotte FC	6	6	3	21	24	23
Cincinnati	5	5	5	20	36	37
NYCFC	5	6	4	19	25	21
D.C. United	4	5	6	18	21	25
Columbus	4	7	4	16	21	23
CF Montréal	4	8	2	14	22	31
Orlando City	4	9	2	14	23	44
Toronto FC	3	6	5	14	22	29
Atlanta	3	9	2	11	14	23
Philadelphia	1	10	4	7	18	30
WEST	**W**	**L**	**D**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	10	2	2	32	34	12
San Jose	10	3	2	32	34	15
Real Salt Lake	8	4	2	26	26	19
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	30	22
Los Angeles FC	7	5	3	24	24	17
Seattle FC	7	3	3	24	17	11
Houston	7	6	1	22	19	23
Minn. United	6	5	4	22	18	22
LA Galaxy	5	5	5	20	22	22
San Diego FC	4	6	5	17	30	27
Colorado	5	9	1	16	25	24
St Louis City	4	6	4	16	16	20
Portland	4	8	2	14	22	28
Austin FC	3	7	5	14	19	31
Sporting K.C.	3	9	2	11	14	36

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Thursday
Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at St Louis City, 8:30pm
Portland at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

Friday
Atlanta at Nashville, 8:10pm
Los Angeles FC at LA Galaxy, 10:25pm

Wednesday
NYCFC at Columbus, 7:30pm
Red Bulls at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Chicago at Miami, 7:30pm
Toronto FC at New England, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Charlotte FC, 8:15pm
Seattle FC at Austin FC, 8:30pm
D.C. United at Houston, 8:30pm
Minnesota at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
CF Montréal at Nashville, 8:30pm
San Diego FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
St Louis City at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30pm
Orlando City at San Jose, 10:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	5	1	28	21	15
Washington	8	2	3	27	22	10
Portland	8	4	3	27	24	16
Gotham FC	**7**	**3**	**3**	**24**	**15**	**8**
Utah Royals FC	7	4	3	24	21	16
Kansas City	8	6	0	24	21	20
North Carolina	6	4	3	21	20	16
Orlando	6	6	2	20	21	19
Angel City	6	6	1	19	20	14
Seattle	5	6	2	17	13	16
Denver Summit FC	4	5	4	16	19	18
Houston	4	7	3	15	17	23
Bay FC	4	6	3	15	13	19
Boston Legacy FC	3	7	4	13	15	21
Chicago	4	10	0	12	8	28
Louisville	2	10	1	7	15	26

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday
Seattle 2, Portland 0
Houston 2, Denver Summit FC 2, tie

Wednesday
Boston Legacy FC at Orlando, 7pm
Washington at **Gotham FC**, 8pm

YONKERS ENTRIES FOR MONDAY

FIRST: 1 Mile $20,000 3-6YO30CLM; PACE

1	NamasteHanver	(ASegelmn)	10-3-3	4-1
2	Ever M	(JBongiorno)	1-1-1	9-2
3	Overthinking	(JBartlett)	2-5-5	2-1
4	Lyons Benjamin	(BHolland)	5-4-1	15-1
5	Rayray	(JMarohn)	4-3-5	8-1
6	Thong Control	(PLachance)	1-2-6	10-1
7	Wavemaker	(JStratton)	6-7-4	20-1
8	Jk Steves Spirit	(MKakaley)	3-1-1	12-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $19,000 NW7500L5; PACE

1	Samhara N	(CKelly)	5-6-6	9-2
2	GdsThunderGb	(ASiegelman)	1-4-4	2-1
3	Royal Desire	(PLachance)	2-3-1	20-1
4	Alwayscuttinschool	(JMarhn)	7-5-6	15-1
5	Jon I Love Dat	(JStratton)	8-6-4	10-1
6	Optical Illusion N	(BHolland)	1-2-7	12-1
7	Huntingforchrome	(JBartlett)	8-7-6	5-1
8	Music Hall	(MKakaley)	6-6-3	4-1

THIRD: 1 Mile $20,000 30000CLM; PACE

1	Rocknroll Gold	(JBongiorno)	5-6-5	5-1
2	Ever Hoping A	(JBartlett)	5-3-2	3-1
3	HeavenOnHighN	(ASiegelmn)	2-7-2	4-1
4	Peace Out Posse	(JStratton)	5-6-1	6-1
5	Pretty Lou	(TButer)	1-6-6	7-2
6	Caviart Sargent	(JMarohn)	3-4-5	20-1
7	Alta Classic A	(BHolland)	4-1-5	15-1
8	Mind Hunter	(CKelly)	2-4-2	20-1

FOURTH: 1 Mile $33,000 NW30000L5; PACE

1	Joemikiyoursofine	(BHolland)	7-1-4	10-1
2	Blue Lou	(MKakaley)	2-4-2	2-1
3	Young Bluey A	(CKelly)	2-4-2	4-1
4	BondiLockdwnA	(ASegelmn)	2-3-5	12-1
5	Evileye Fleegle	(TButer)	1-1-4	5-2
6	JumpingjackmacN	(JStrattn)	1-7-1	3-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile $22,000 40000CLM; PACE

1	Bettor By Seaside	(TButer)	8-1-1	6-1
2	Bondi Shake N	(ASiegelman)	3-4-2	20-1
3	Yorokobi N	(JMarohn)	4-2-4	8-1
4	Manferno	(BHolland)	8-6-2	3-1
5	Lyrical Genius A	(JBartlett)	3-3-5	4-1
6	Intimidation	(CKelly)	5-4-1	20-1
7	Rockin Jukebox	(JBongiorno)	6-3-2	8-1
8	Stellar Yankee	(JStratton)	4-1-5	20-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $21,000 NW10000L5; PACE

1	Gingras Beach	(JStratton)	7-6-3	20-1
2	The Greek Freak	(MKakaley)	7-2-4	9-5
3	Dunkin'	(JMarohn)	7-1-2	10-1
4	Wattsup Sunshine A	(TButer)	1-3-5	8-1
5	Speaker Of Peace	(BHolland)	6-3-6	3-1
6	Windsun Ricky	(PLachance)	7-7-2	9-2
7	Ameritric	(JBartlett)	1-1-5	8-1
8	Bookem Danno	(ASiegelman)	8-1-4	20-1

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $43,000 3-6 YO OPN; PACE

1	Sterling Choice	(JBartlett)	2-7-2	3-1
2	Captain Moore A	(BHolland)	3-3-1	8-1
3	Verdun	(PLachance)	8-2-1	8-5
4	Gorgeous Big Guy	(TButer)	1-1-8	6-1
5	Howlenthehills	(MKakaley)	1-3-4	5-1
6	Escape To America	(CKelly)	3-1-1	12-1

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $43,000 INVITATION; PACE

1	Soho Firestone A	(JStratton)	2-4-2	20-1
2	Catalpa Rescue A	(TButer)	2-1-1	10-1
3	Whichwaytothebech	(BHllnd)	1-4-1	12-1
4	Pinny Tiger A	(JBartlett)	1-4-1	5-1
5	Mossdale Ben N	(JMarohn)	1-2-1	7-5
6	Sweet Beach Life	(MKakaley)	1-1-1	9-5

NINTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	VengeanceBluechip	(MKkley)	3-6-1	6-1
2	ChaseHHanover	(JBongiorno)	3-1-7	5-2
3	Hemsworth N	(ASiegelman)	6-3-2	2-1
4	Rockstar Artist A	(CKelly)	2-2-3	20-1
5	ThenuCameAlongA	(JBrtlett)	5-5-3	12-1
6	KeayangKamikazeA	(JMarhn)	1-6-4	15-1
7	Tenzing BromacN	(RCushing)	1-6-4	20-1
8	Papi's Rocket	(TButer)	2-8-6	5-1

TENTH: 1 Mile $15,000 15000CLM; PACE

1	Ozone Blue Chip	(JBartlett)	4-6-8	12-1
2	It's MahomesA	(ASiegelman)	5-7-6	8-1
3	Rocket Freight	(CKelly)	8-7-1	4-1
4	Crunch Hanover	(MKakaley)	4-4-4	6-1
5	He's Special	(JStratton)	2-6-4	9-2
6	Bettorbuckleup	(BHolland)	7-5-6	15-1
7	Cyrus N	(JMarohn)	5-3-2	5-1
8	Letsmakelotsamoney	(TBter)	8-3-5	6-1

Due to an issue with our provider, Saratoga results were not available.

NASCAR Cup Series Schedule-Winners

March 29 — Cook Out 400 (Chase Elliott)
April 12 — Food City 500 (Ty Gibbs)
April 19 — AdventHealth 400 (Tyler Reddick)
April 26 — Jack Link's 500 (Carson Hocevar)
May 3 — Würth 400 presented by LIQUI MOLY (Chase Elliott)
May 10 — Go Bowling at The Glen (Shane Van Gisbergen)
May 17 — NASCAR All-Star Race (Denny Hamlin)
May 24 — Coca-Cola 600 (Daniel Suárez)
May 31 — Cracker Barrel 400 (Denny Hamlin)
June 7 — FireKeepers Casino 400 (Denny Hamlin)
June 14 — Great American Getaway 400 presented by VISITPA (Denny Hamlin)
June 21 — Anduril 250 (Corey Heim)
June 28 — Toyota / Save Mart 350 (Shane Van Gisbergen)
July 5 — eero 400 (Chase Briscoe)
July 12 — Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart, Hampton, Ga.
July 19 — Window World 450, North Wilkesboro, N.C.
July 26 — Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 9 — Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol, Newton, Iowa
Aug. 15 — Cook Out 400, Richmond, Va.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

Boston Red Sox: Reinstated 3B Nick Sogard from the 10-day IL. Designated LHP Danny Coulombe for assignment. Recalled RHP Brayan Bello from Worcester (IL). Optioned 3B Nick Sogard to Worcester.

Detroit Tigers: Placed LHP Framber Valdez on the bereavement list.

Minnesota Twins: Optioned RHP Jack Anderson to St. Paul (IL).

Toronto Blue Jays: Selected the contract of RHP CJ Van Eyk from Buffalo (IL). Optioned RHP Chad Dallas to Buffalo.

Texas Rangers: Placed RHP Chris Martin on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Emiliano Teodo from Round Rock (PCL). Sent LHP Cody Bradford on a rehab assignment to Frisco.

National League

Arizona Diamondbacks: Placed RHP Zac Gallen on the 15-day IL, retroactive to July 9. Recalled LHP Mitch Bratt from Reno (PCL).

Cincinnati Reds: Placed LHP Nick Lodolo on the 15-day IL. Recalled RHP Chase Petty from Louisville (IL).

Miami Marlins: Placed RHP William Kempner on the 15-day IL. Recalled LHP Dax Fulton from Jacksonville (IL).

Milwaukee Brewers: Transferred RHP Brandon Woodruff from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. Reinstated RHP Coleman Crow from the 15-day IL. Designated LF Greg Jones for assignment. Acquired SS Braden Shewmake from the Houston Astros. Optioned RHPs Coleman Crow and Garrett Stallings to Nashville (IL).

New York Mets: Recalled LHP Zach Thornton from Syracuse (IL). Optioned RHP Tobias Myers to Syracuse. Sent 2B Marcus Semien on a rehab assignment to Binghamton.

Pittsburgh Pirates: Optioned RHP Noah Murdock to Indianapolis (IL).

San Francisco Giants: Reinstated RHP Jason Foley from the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Spencer Bivens to Sacramento (PCL).

Washington Nationals: Activated RHP Cade Cavalli. Suspended RHP Miles Mikolas. Designated LHP Matt Krook for assignment. Recalled 1B Abimelec Ortiz from Rochester (IL).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

Los Angeles Lakers: Re-signed G Austin Reaves to a contract.

Minnesota Timberwolves: Signed G Isaiah Evans to a contract.

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	56	38	.596	—	—	5-5	L-1	35-15	21-23
Yankees	54	42	.563	3	+6½	6-4	W-4	23-20	31-22
Boston	46	48	.489	10	½	9-1	W-9	17-27	29-21
Baltimore	46	51	.474	11½	2	7-3	W-4	28-25	18-26
Toronto	45	51	.469	12	2½	5-5	L-2	24-25	21-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	51	46	.526	—	+3	6-4	W-4	24-22	27-24
Chicago	50	45	.526	—	—	5-5	W-3	31-17	19-28
Minnesota	48	49	.495	3	—	7-3	W-2	26-25	22-24
Detroit	44	52	.458	6½	3½	7-3	L-2	27-23	17-29
Kansas City	38	59	.392	13	10	3-7	L-5	21-26	17-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	49	47	.510	—	—	5-5	W-1	24-22	25-25
Seattle	48	49	.495	1½	—	4-6	W-1	27-20	21-29
Houston	47	51	.480	3	1½	4-6	L-1	23-24	24-27
Athletics	41	55	.427	8	6½	1-9	L-9	19-28	22-27
Los Angeles	38	59	.392	11½	10	2-8	L-2	21-25	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Boston 3, **Mets** 2, 10 inn.
Yankees 5, Washington 3
Philadelphia 5, Detroit 0
White Sox 9, Athletics 1
Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 8, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 4, L.A. Angels 2
Cleveland 5, Miami 2
Texas 6, Houston 5
San Diego 5, Toronto 4

Monday

No games scheduled

Tuesday

MLB All-Star Game, 8pm

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	55	40	.579	—	—	5-5	W-1	27-18	28-22
Philadelphia	54	43	.557	2	+2	5-5	W-2	25-21	29-22
Miami	52	45	.536	4	—	6-4	L-3	31-20	21-25
Washington	48	49	.495	8	4	4-6	L-3	20-31	28-18
Mets	40	57	.412	16	12	4-6	L-3	21-28	19-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	59	37	.615	—	—	5-5	L-3	29-18	30-19
Chicago	54	42	.563	5	+2½	6-4	W-2	27-19	27-23
St. Louis	50	45	.526	8½	1	4-6	L-1	26-26	24-19
Pittsburgh	50	47	.515	9½	2	7-3	W-3	27-24	23-23
Cincinnati	43	52	.453	15½	8	4-6	L-2	22-28	21-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	61	36	.629	—	—	5-5	L-3	31-19	30-17
Arizona	49	47	.510	11½	2½	6-4	W-4	27-20	22-27
San Diego	48	48	.500	12½	3½	5-5	W-2	27-24	21-24
San Francisco	41	55	.427	19½	10½	5-5	W-2	22-25	19-30
Colorado	39	59	.398	22½	13½	4-6	L-2	22-25	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

Boston 3, **Mets** 2, 10 inn.
Yankees 5, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 14, Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 5, Detroit 0
Cubs 8, Cincinnati 4
Cleveland 5, Miami 2
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 3, Colorado 1
San Diego 5, Toronto 4
Arizona 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

Monday

No games scheduled

Tuesday

MLB All-Star Game, 8pm

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Solution to Very Easy #7,338

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9	5	6	7	3	4	8	2	1

Solution to Difficult #7,128

Yankees 5, Nationals 3

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.236
Rice 1b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.279
Sánchez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Domínguez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Bellinger lf	3	2	2	0	1	0	.254
Chisholm 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.223
Caballero ss-3b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.250
McMahon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Goldschmidt ph-1b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.258
Wells c	2	0	1	1	0	0	.155
Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Volpe ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Schuemann rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.241
Totals	**32**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**3**	**8**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	2	1	1	1	2	1	.279
García 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.284
Chaparro ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Ortiz dh	2	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Mead ph-dh	2	1	1	1	0	0	.247
Abrams ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Crews cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.211
Lile lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Tena 2b	2	0	2	0	0	0	.241
Nuñez pr-2b	1	1	0	0	0	0	.242
Vivas 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.275
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**3**	**6**	

Yankees	**000 020 021 — 5 8 1**
Washington	**100 001 100 — 3 6 0**

E: Chisholm (7). **LOB:** New York 4, Washington 5. **2B:** Bellinger (19), Chisholm (12), Ortiz (1), Tena (10). **3B:** Rice (3). **HR:** Wood (28), off Warren; Mead (17), off Hill. **RBIs:** Chisholm (37), Wells (13), Rice 2 (68), Caballero (35), Wood (64), Mead (44). **SB:** Nuñez (34). **SF:** Caballero. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 2 (Schuemann, Domínguez); Washington 2 (Wood, Chaparro). **RISP:** New York 3 for 6; Washington 1 for 8. **DP:** New York 3 (Caballero, Rice; Caballero, Rice; Rice); Washington 1 (García, Abrams, García).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Warren	5.0	4	1	1	2	2	83	4.03
Hill, BS, 0-3	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	11	4.50
Chivilli	1.0	1	1	0	0	1	17	1.17
Yarbrugh, W, 2-0	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	8	4.14
Blackburn, S, 1-2	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	21	2.22

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cavalli	6.0	4	2	2	1	5	85	3.83
Alvarez, L, 2-3	2.0	4	3	3	1	2	40	4.04
Lawrence	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	16	7.34

T: 2:54. **A:** 33,699 (41,376).

Cubs 8, Reds 4

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	2	1	1	2	0	.291
Suzuki rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.268
Bregman 3b	5	2	3	4	0	0	.241
Kelly c	4	1	0	0	1	1	.273
Busch 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.239
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.220
Swanson ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.211
Alcantara dh	2	0	1	2	0	0	.235
Ramirez ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	1	.246
Totals	**35**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**7**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.274
Stewart 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.256
Steer cf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.247
Bleday lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.242
Suárez dh	4	1	1	2	0	3	.208
Stephenson c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Marte rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.195
Arroyo 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Hayes 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.143
I.Johnson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**1**	**6**	

Chicago	**200 200 400 — 8 9 0**
Cincinnati	**004 000 000 — 4 9 0**

LOB: Chicago 5, Cincinnati 8. **2B:** Bregman (15), Busch 2 (17), Swanson (11), Stewart (22). **HR:** Bregman (9), off P.Johnson; Suárez (11), off Boyd. **RBIs:** Bregman 4 (41), Busch (49), Alcantara 2 (3), Crow-Armstrong (53), Steer (37), Bleday (43), Suárez 2 (35). **SB:** Crow-Armstrong (24). **RISP:** Chicago 5 for 15; Cincinnati 2 for 7. **DP:** Cincinnati 1 (Hayes, Arroyo, Stewart).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Boyd, W, 5-1	6.1	6	4	4	1	3	92	4.50
Hollowell	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	25	2.79
Thielbar	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	12	4.23
Webb, S, 5-9	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.05

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Abbott	4.0	4	4	4	3	3	79	4.11
Petty, L, 1-2	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	25	4.38
Moll	0.1	2	2	2	0	1	15	4.19
P.Johnson	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	8	4.23
Lowder	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	30	4.91

T: 2:52. **A:** 29,200 (43,891).

Red Sox 3, Mets 2, 10 inn.

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.257
Rafaela cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.281
Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Gonzalez 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.231
Cheng pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	0	.296
Durbin 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.228
Monasterio ss-1b	2	0	1	1	2	0	.229
Duran dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.194
Eaton lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.125
Yoshida ph-lf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.264
Wong c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.288
Totals	**31**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**6**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.276
Soto dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.290
Lindor ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.216
Wagaman 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.176
Young 1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Benge rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.263
Taylor lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.217
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.216
Polanco ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.178
Baty 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Short 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.140
Bichette ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Totals	**35**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**1**	**14**	

Boston	**000 000 002 1 — 3 4 0**
Mets	**100 001 000 0 — 2 6 2**

E: Wagaman (2), Lindor (4). **LOB:** Boston 6, New York 5. **2B:** Monasterio (12), Ewing (9), Lindor (3), Taylor (6). **HR:** Lindor (5), off Bello. **RBIs:** Monasterio (16), Duran (45), Seigler (6), Lindor 2 (12). **SF:** Seigler. **S:** Durbin, Wong. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 2 (Duran, Eaton); New York 3 (Torrens, Bichette, Benge). **RISP:** Boston 1 for 6; New York 1 for 8. **DP:** Boston 1 (Seigler, Monasterio, Gonzalez); New York 1 (Short, Lindor, Short).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tolle	3.2	3	1	1	1	7	66	3.11
Bello	4.1	2	1	1	0	5	55	6.06
Chapman, W, 1-3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	2.20
Whitlock, S, 2-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2.18

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Thornton	7.0	2	0	0	2	5	82	2.60
Weaver, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1.85
Williams, BS, 13-16	1.0	2	2	1	2	0	22	4.83
Raley, L, 4-4	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	7	2.04

T: 2:33. **A:** 37,638 (42,136).

Mariners 8, Rays 2

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford ss	4	1	3	3	1	0	.218
Arozarena lf	5	1	1	3	0	2	.286
Raleigh dh	4	0	1	0	1	2	.169
Naylor 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.252
Garver c	4	1	0	0	1	1	.183
Young 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.253
Robles cf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.216
Wilson rf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.211
Mastrobuoni rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Kennedy 3b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.071
Totals	**34**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**9**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.322
Aranda 1b	3	1	1	2	0	0	.297
Caminero 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.279
Mullins cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Simpson lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Mesa rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.213
Walls ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Palacios 2b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.237
Feduccia c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.233
Totals	**31**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**8**	

Seattle	**030 400 001 — 8 9 0**
Tampa Bay	**000 000 020 — 2 4 2**

E: Caminero (14), Palacios (6). **LOB:** Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 7. **2B:** Crawford 2 (10), Kennedy (1). **HR:** Wilson (2), off Seymour; Arozarena (11), off Sulser; Aranda (14), off Bazardo. **RBIs:** Robles (5), Crawford 3 (28), Wilson (6), Arozarena 3 (45), Aranda 2 (64). **SB:** Young (3). **SF:** Robles. **RISP:** Seattle 4 for 10; Tampa Bay 0 for 2. **DP:** Tampa Bay 3 (Palacios, Aranda; Walls, Palacios, Aranda; Palacios, Walls, Aranda).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hancock	1.2	0	0	0	1	2	19	3.17
Ferrer, W, 2-1	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	28	2.95
Davila	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	24	1.86
Speier	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	2.22
Rucker	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	21	5.68
Bazardo	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	18	2.40
Muñoz	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	20	4.19

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Seymour, L, 6-2	3.1	6	6	5	3	3	78	4.59
Sulser	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	10	5.53
Roycroft	3.0	0	0	0	0	3	28	9.53
Kimbrel	1.2	2	1	1	1	2	42	4.82
Kelly	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	9	2.44

T: 2:51. **A:** 24,297 (25,025).

Pirates 14, Brewers 5

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.243
Lara ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.286
Chourio lf	5	2	2	1	0	2	.284
Turang 2b	3	1	1	2	1	0	.266
Bauers 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.268
Sánchez c	3	0	1	1	1	0	.220
Mitchell cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.274
Frelick rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Ortiz ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Shewmake 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Vaughn 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.311
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**8**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf-lf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.310
Lowe 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.246
Callihan 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Reynolds lf	2	1	1	1	0	1	.283
Gonzalez 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Valdez rf	4	2	1	1	1	2	.309
O'Hearn 1b	2	2	2	2	1	0	.288
Cook cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.171
Gonzales 3b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.308
Ozuna dh	5	2	2	2	0	2	.205
Triolo ss	5	1	3	2	0	0	.233
Davis c	4	3	2	3	0	1	.166
Totals	**38**	**14**	**15**	**14**	**3**	**10**	

Milwaukee	**000 200 030 — 5 8 1**
Pittsburgh	**0401000 00x —14 15 0**

E: Gasser (1). **LOB:** Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 6. **2B:** Yelich (13), Chourio (17), Mitchell (20), Valdez (6), O'Hearn (13), Triolo (11), Gonzales (14). **3B:** Mangum (1). **HR:** Turang (14), off Kelly; Davis (8), off Gasser; Ozuna (8), off Gasser. **RBIs:** Chourio (37), Sánchez (25), Turang 2 (60), Mitchell (44), O'Hearn 2 (63), Ozuna 2 (28), Davis 3 (27), Reynolds (59), Valdez (27), Gonzales 2 (43), Triolo 2 (16), Mangum (19). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 for 7; Pittsburgh 7 for 13. **Runners moved up:** Turang. **GIDP:** Chourio, Mangum. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Turang, Ortiz, Bauers); Pittsburgh 1 (Triolo, Callihan, Gonzalez).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gasser, L, 2-4	3.0	8	7	7	0	3	58	5.24
Koenig	0.0	2	5	5	2	0	21	9.00
Anderson	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	30	3.61
Yoho	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	21	2.77
Wilson	3.0	2	0	0	0	4	38	4.61

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skenes, W, 8-8	5.1	3	2	2	1	7	82	3.57
Mattson	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	18	4.40
Kelly	2.0	4	3	3	1	0	50	10.38
Eisert	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	10	5.65

T: 3:00. **A:** 34,087 (38,753).

Twins 4, Angels 2

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Trout dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.237
Schanuel 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.275
Soler rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Siri cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Adell lf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Lowe cf-lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.208
Peraza 2b	2	0	0	0	1	2	.239
Meckler ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.307
Guzman 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.262
O'Hoppe c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.212
Totals	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**8**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.289
Martin lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Jeffers c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.292
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.248
Clemens 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Lewis 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.219
Lee 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.249
Roden rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Keaschall cf	3	1	2	0	0	1	.258
Kreidler ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.248
Totals	**28**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**3**	**6**	

Los Angeles	**010 000 100 — 2 7 0**
Minnesota	**003 000 01x — 4 6 0**

LOB: Los Angeles 7, Minnesota 3. **2B:** Jeffers (9). **HR:** Lowe (8), off Bradley; Guzman (4), off Bradley; Larnach (7), off Zeferjahn. **RBIs:** Lowe (21), Guzman (14), Larnach 2 (32), Jeffers 2 (28). **SB:** Lee (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 2 (Soler, O'Hoppe); Minnesota 2 (Jeffers, Kreidler). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0 for 4; Minnesota 2 for 6. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Kreidler, Clemens, Lewis).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Soriano, L, 8-6	5.0	5	3	3	2	0	77	3.49
Silseth	1.2	0	0	0	1	4	33	3.03
Zeferjahn	1.1	1	1	1	0	2	27	3.89

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradley, W, 9-3	7.0	6	2	2	2	6	99	3.59
Morris, S, 3-5	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	37	3.33

T: 2:29. **A:** 20,509 (38,544).

Phillies 5, Tigers 0

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	4	0	1	0	1	1	.236
Schwarber dh	5	0	2	1	0	3	.254
Harper 1b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.260
Bohm 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.215
Sosa lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.218
Marsh rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.301
Hill cf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.258
Realmuto c	3	2	2	3	0	0	.206
Stott 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.249
Totals	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**3**	**12**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.283
Dingler c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.262
Keith 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.245
Greene lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.288
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.208
Carpenter dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Valencia ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500
McKinstry 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.197
Vierling rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.206
Outman cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.152
Totals	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**14**	

Philadelphia	**001 004 000 — 5 9 1**
Detroit	**000 000 000 — 0 2 1**

E: Harper (4), McGonigle (9). **LOB:** Philadelphia 8, Detroit 4. **2B:** Stott (17), Realmuto (11). **RBIs:** Schwarber (59), Realmuto 3 (33), Stott (42). **S:** Sosa. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 5 (Bohm, Schwarber 3, Harper); Detroit 1 (Greene). **RISP:** Philadelphia 3 for 11; Detroit 0 for 1. **Runners moved up:** Stott. **GIDP:** Torkelson. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Turner, Stott, Harper).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wheeler, W, 10-1	6.0	2	0	0	2	10	96	2.13
Alvarado	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	6.82
Kerkering	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.43
Bowlan	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.93

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skubal, L, 5-5	5.0	4	2	2	1	5	93	3.09
Montero	3.0	4	3	3	1	5	58	3.33
Sommers	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	14	5.40
Brieske	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	6.75

T: 2:44. **A:** 35,065 (41,083).

Orioles 8, Royals 2

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	5	0	0	0	0	4	.236
Witt ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.286
Caglianone rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.260
Thomas cf	4	0	3	1	0	0	.234
Pasquantino dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.222
Perez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.209
Massey 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Rojas 3b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.176
Collins lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.240
Totals	**38**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**0**	**11**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	5	1	3	1	0	2	.224
Ward dh	2	0	0	0	2	0	.255
Beavers lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Alonso 1b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.252
Basallo c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.248
Alexander 3b	2	2	2	0	1	0	.312
Mayo pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Cowser cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.214
O'Neill ph-rf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.195
Taveras rf-cf	4	2	2	3	0	1	.237
Holliday 2b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.210
Jackson ph-2b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.254
Totals	**34**	**8**	**12**	**7**	**4**	**10**	

Kansas City	**011 000 000 — 2 9 1**
Baltimore	**020 005 10x — 8 12 2**

E: Jensen (3), Alexander (7), Henderson (10). **LOB:** Kansas City 9, Baltimore 9. **2B:** Witt (22), Thomas (15), Perez (14), Jackson (10). **3B:** Collins (1). **HR:** Taveras (4), off Lugo; Basallo (16), off Erceg. **RBIs:** Collins (28), Thomas (31), Taveras 3 (34), Jackson (35), Henderson (43), Alonso (65), Basallo (46). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 10; Baltimore 4 for 10. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Witt, Massey, Perez).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lugo	4.0	4	2	2	2	6	89	4.56
Cruz	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.88
Strahm, L, 3-3	0.1	4	5	5	1	1	21	7.18
Schreiber	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	11	3.47
Erceg	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	25	5.11
Way	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	20	3.20

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Baz	4.2	7	2	1	0	9	104	4.11
Nunez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	5.06
Wolfram, W, 2-2	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	13	4.76
Cano	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	8	2.32
Garcia	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	2.61
Kittredge	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4.32

T: 2:59. **A:** 31,355 (45,971).

Guardians 5, Marlins 2

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	3	2	0	0	1	1	.238
Rocchio ss	5	2	2	2	0	0	.276
DeLauter dh	5	1	1	1	0	0	.278
Manzardo 1b	4	0	1	1	1	0	.215
Watson rf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.221
Arias 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Halpin cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.180
Bailey c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.185
Kwan lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.225
Totals	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**3**	**6**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lopez ss	5	0	0	0	0	4	.334
Hernández lf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.236
Hicks 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.290
Edwards 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.303
Sanoja rf-3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.272
Jiménez 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.215
Stowers ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Ruiz cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Marsee ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Hinds dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.114
Conine ph-dh	2	1	1	1	0	1	.266
Navarreto c	2	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Mack ph-c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**2**	**14**	

Cleveland	**200 010 101 —**	**5**	**11**	**0**
Miami	**001 000 001 —**	**2**	**8**	**1**

E: Edwards (6). **LOB:** Cleveland 9, Miami 8. **2B:** Hernández (9). **HR:** Rocchio (8), off Petersen; DeLauter (11), off Fairbanks; Conine (5), off Smith. **RBIs:** Rocchio 2 (44), Manzardo (30), Watson (10), DeLauter (46), Edwards (37), Conine (12). **SB:** Bazzana (13), Kwan (6), Watson (8), Halpin (4). **S:** Bailey. **RISP:** Cleveland 3 for 11; Miami 1 for 8. **DP:** Miami 2 (Edwards, Lopez, Hicks; Lopez, Jiménez, Lopez).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cantillo, W, 8-4	5.0	6	1	1	2	9	85	3.56
Aleman, H, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.12
Gaddis, H, 18	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	2.64
Armstrong, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.55
Smith	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	16	2.84

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Phillips, L, 2-4	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	26	3.48
Faucher	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	29	4.31
Zuber	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	18	3.75
Petersen	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	26	3.07
Gibson	2.0	0	1	0	1	1	26	5.25
Bachar	1.1	2	0	0	0	3	20	3.58
Fairbanks	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	18	6.83

T: 3:02. **A:** 17,147 (37,446).

Rangers 6, Astros 5

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.287
Alvarez dh	3	0	2	0	2	0	.318
Paredes 3b	4	0	1	2	1	1	.254
Walker 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.237
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.235
Smith rf-cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.218
Wade lf-rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.250
Matthews cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Trammell ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Dezenzo ph-lf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.228
Vázquez c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Diaz ph-c	1	1	1	0	1	0	.248
Totals	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**8**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	3	0	1	2	0	1	.235
Foscue ph-dh	2	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Langford lf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.275
Jung 3b	3	1	2	0	2	1	.298
Nimmo rf	5	0	3	2	0	0	.263
Burger 1b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.240
Duran ss	2	1	0	0	2	1	.270
Carter cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.188
Cauley ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Lopez 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.310
Díaz ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Higashioka c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.220
Osuna cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Totals	**35**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**5**	**8**	

Houston	**000 100 310 —**	**5**	**8**	**1**
Texas	**030 010 011 —**	**6**	**11**	**0**

No outs when winning run scored. **E:** Dezenzo (1). **LOB:** Houston 7, Texas 10. **2B:** Carter (7), Pederson (8). **3B:** Jung (1), Nimmo (4). **HR:** Altuve (11), off Gore; Smith (12), off Peoples; Higashioka (7), off King. **RBIs:** Altuve (27), Peña (22), Paredes 2 (49), Smith (34), Lopez (12), Pederson 2 (34), Nimmo 2 (34), Higashioka (17). **SF:** Peña. **RISP:** Houston 1 for 5; Texas 4 for 11. Texas 1 (Duran, Cauley, Burger).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Javier	3.0	4	3	3	3	4	60	9.98
De Los Santos	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.33
Abreu	1.0	1	1	1	1	2	21	5.81
Okert	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.31
King	2.0	3	1	1	1	1	31	2.93
Hader, L, 3-1	0.0	3	1	1	0	0	9	1.17

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore	4.0	2	1	1	1	4	65	4.63
Alexander	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	23	2.21
Winn, H, 8	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	11	5.94
Ahlstrom, H, 3	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	20	7.07
Gray, BS, 0-1	0.2	1	1	1	2	0	16	3.48
Peoples	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	12	2.25
Latz, W, 2-1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	9	1.61

T: 2:59. **A:** 33,804 (40,000).

White Sox 9, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wilson ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Kuroda-Grauer 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.422
Langeliers c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.257
Serven c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Heim dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.232
Thomas lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.204
Cortes ph-lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.279
Meneses 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.150
Butler rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.196
Bolte cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Williams 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**8**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.287
Murakami 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.232
Vargas 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.245
C.Montgomery ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.220
Benintendi dh	2	2	0	0	2	0	.242
Teel c	4	2	2	2	0	1	.204
B.Montgomery rf	4	1	2	4	0	0	.231
Peters cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.301
Meidroth 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Totals	**33**	**9**	**9**	**8**	**3**	**9**	

Athletics	**100 000 000 —**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Chicago	**600 030 00x —**	**9**	**9**	**2**

a-struck out for Thomas in the 6th. **E:** Langeliers (2), Vargas (5), C.Montgomery (8). **LOB:** Athletics 6, Chicago 4. **2B:** Kuroda-Grauer (5), Vargas (20). **HR:** Langeliers (21), off Schultz; Antonacci (6), off Ginn; B.Montgomery (3), off Ginn. **RBIs:** Langeliers (46), Antonacci (27), Teel 2 (13), B.Montgomery 4 (12), Peters (36). **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 3 (Bolte 2, Heim); Chicago 2 (Benintendi, Meidroth). **RISP:** Athletics 1 for 6; Chicago 4 for 9. **GIDP:** Meneses, Kuroda-Grauer. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Vargas, Meidroth, Murakami; C.Montgomery, Meidroth, Murakami).

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ginn, L, 7-6	4.1	6	8	8	3	7	86	3.67
Suarez	1.2	2	1	0	0	1	24	4.29
Leiter	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4.41
Sterner	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	10	4.89

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schultz, W, 3-6	5.0	4	1	1	0	4	74	5.60
Hicks	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	15	3.86
Domínguez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.41
Schweitzer	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	27	3.60

T: 2:20. **A:** 27,175 (40,241).

Giants 3, Rockies 1

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy rf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.301
Moniak dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.278
Goodman c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.254
Rumfield 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.296
Karros 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Carrigg cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Johnston lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Freeman 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.265
Tovar ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**6**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ramos lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.275
Arraez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.330
Schmitt 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.280
Devers 1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.249
Lee rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.302
Eldridge dh	3	1	1	0	1	0	.271
McCray pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Adames ss	4	0	3	1	0	0	.230
Gilbert cf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.237
Cavanaugh c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.219
Totals	**31**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**5**	**4**	

Colorado	**100 000 000 —**	**1**	**4**	**1**
San Francisco	**000 100 02x —**	**3**	**8**	**0**

.: Goodman (8). **LOB:** Colorado 5, San Francisco 9. **HR:** McCarthy (10), off McDonald. **RBIs:** McCarthy (53), Gilbert (20), Adames (37). **SB:** McCarthy (15). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 3 (Moniak, Carrigg, Johnston); San Francisco 3 (Ramos 2, Lee). **RISP:** Colorado 0 for 4; San Francisco 2 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Karros, Rumfield. **GIDP:** McCarthy, Schmitt. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Freeman, Rumfield); San Francisco 1 (Devers, Adames, Devers).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lorenzen	5.0	5	1	1	3	1	79	6.22
Bernardino	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	2.97
Herget	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	17	3.60
Senzatela, L, 9-2	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	23	3.31

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McDonald	7.0	3	1	1	1	4	73	5.02
Winn	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	13	3.09
Miller, W, 2-0	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	30	3.29

T: 2:21. **A:** 33,354 (41,915).

Braves 4, Cardinals 3

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	3	0	1	1	2	0	.254
Albies 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.267
Olson 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Harris cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.296
Dubón lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Smith dh	1	1	0	0	1	0	.263
White ph-dh	2	0	1	0	1	1	.226
Riley 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.207
Jarvis ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.300
Hicklen rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.500
Totals	**34**	**4**	**7**	**2**	**6**	**6**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Herrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Walker rf	3	2	1	0	1	0	.294
Burleson 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.273
Nootbaar lf-cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.260
Winn ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.243
Church cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Jordan ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Torres ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.194
Fermín 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.259
Crooks c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.164
Totals	**31**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**5**	**9**	

Atlanta	**010 101 001 —**	**4**	**7**	**0**
St. Louis	**100 002 000 —**	**3**	**4**	**2**

E: Burleson (7), Winn (8). **LOB:** Atlanta 12, St. Louis 6. **2B:** Jarvis (2), Hicklen (1), Albies (21), Burleson (23). **RBIs:** Baldwin (46), Hicklen (1), Burleson (67), Fermín 2 (20). **SB:** Walker (13), Dubón (3). **S:** Jarvis. **RISP:** Atlanta 2 for 11; St. Louis 3 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Olson. **GIDP:** Harris. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Wetherholt, Winn, Burleson).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young	0.2	1	1	1	2	1	25	4.50
Ritchie	4.1	1	1	1	2	2	61	4.38
Dodd, H, 4	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	11	2.39
Fuentes, BS, 1-3	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	12	2.65
Lee	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	23	1.47
Kinley, W, 5-3	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.48
Iglesias, S, 19-20	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2.23

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
May	4.0	2	2	2	4	4	84	4.55
Bruihl	1.2	3	1	1	1	1	34	3.66
Graceffo	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	14	2.91
Stanek	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	19	4.66
Romero, L, 1-3	1.0	1	1	0	1	0	25	3.35

T: 3:00. **A:** 30,234 (44,494).

Padres 5, Blue Jays 4

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Clement 2b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.296
Lukes rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.288
Straw ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Guerrero dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.262
Okamoto 3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.239
Varsho cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.240
Valenzuela c-1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Keys 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Kirk ph-c	0	0	0	0	1	0	.202
Clase lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.353
Giménez ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.232
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**3**	**7**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.277
Merrill cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.224
Machado dh	4	1	3	1	0	0	.203
Bowen pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.119
Sheets lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.221
France 1b	2	1	1	1	1	0	.267
Cronenworth 2b	4	0	2	1	0	2	.196
Durán c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.146
Song 3b	2	0	0	1	1	0	.212
Totals	**31**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**3**	**9**	

Toronto	**100 200 010 —**	**4**	**9**	**1**
San Diego	**030 000 02x —**	**5**	**7**	**0**

E: Okamoto (11). **LOB:** Toronto 8, San Diego 6. **2B:** Okamoto (12), Giménez (15). **HR:** Lukes (5), off Márquez; Clement (8), off Márquez. **RBIs:** Lukes (18), Clement 2 (32), Clase (6), Cronenworth (12), Song (13), Machado (55), France (33). **SB:** Varsho (9), Bogaerts (12), Bowen (4). **SF:** France.**RISP:** Toronto 2 for 9; San Diego 3 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Varsho, Valenzuela, Sheets.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman	6.0	4	3	3	3	8	103	4.33
Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.65
Hoffman, L, 5-6, BS, 5-9	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	25	4.57

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Márquez	4.0	6	3	3	2	4	85	5.18
Marinaccio	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	4.89
Hart	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5.08
Morejon, W, 7-2	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	29	3.42
Miller, S, 25-25	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0.91

T: 2:32. **A:** 41,675 (40,222).

Golf

PGA Tour/DP World Tour - Genesis Scottish Open
At The Renaissance Club; North Berwick, United Kingdom; Purse: $9 million; Yardage: 7,282; Par: 70

Final Round

Tom Kim, $1,575,000	65-66-68-64	263	-17
Min Woo Lee, $985,500	66-66-66-67	265	-15
Matt Fitzpatrick, $431,888	67-65-66-69	267	-13
John Keefer, $431,888	68-68-64-67	267	-13
Robert MacIntyre, $431,888	67-66-65-69	267	-13
Keita Nakajima, $431,888	67-66-67-67	267	-13
Rory McIlroy, $270,675	65-66-73-64	268	-12
Michael Thorbjornsen, $270,675	66-68-65-69	268	-12
Si Woo Kim, $223,200	70-67-66-66	269	-11
Victor Perez, $223,200	69-64-70-66	269	-11
Chris Gotterup, $189,675	68-65-66-71	270	-10
Kevin Roy, $189,675	67-68-65-70	270	-10
Wyndham Clark, $153,450	67-67-66-71	271	-9
Tommy Fleetwood, $153,450	67-70-66-68	271	-9
Viktor Hovland, $153,450	68-70-69-64	271	-9
Patrick Reed, $153,450	68-67-68-68	271	-9
Francesco Molinari, $123,750	68-69-67-68	272	-8
Alejandro Del Rey, $123,750	72-66-65-69	272	-8
Tyrrell Hatton, $123,750	70-66-67-69	272	-8
Joost Luiten, $123,750	67-66-70-69	272	-8
Cameron Davis, $97,650	70-66-70-67	273	-7
Matti Schmid, $97,650	68-69-67-69	273	-7
Jordan L. Smith, $97,650	68-63-72-70	273	-7
Danny Willett, $97,650	67-67-67-72	273	-7
Casey Jarvis, $97,650	68-68-68-69	273	-7
Ryan Gerard, $78,750	68-67-68-71	274	-6
Nicolai Hojgaard, $78,750	68-66-70-70	274	-6
Nick Taylor, $78,750	70-67-69-68	274	-6
Marcus Armitage, $78,750	68-67-67-72	274	-6

LPGA Tour - The Amundi Evian Championship
At Evian Resort Golf Club; Evian-les-Bains, France; Purse: $9.1 million; Yardage: 6,479; Par: 71; x-Han-Ran Ryu wins in a playoff

Final Round

x-Hae-Ran Ryu, $1,400,000	66-68-60-71	265	-19
Brooke Henderson, $835,391	67-70-64-64	265	-19
Aki Iwai, $606,017	63-69-65-69	266	-18
Jin Hee Im, $384,954	66-71-67-65	269	-15
Mao Saigo, $384,954	66-68-67-68	269	-15
Miyu Yamashita, $384,954	70-66-67-66	269	-15
Lydia Ko, $242,409	69-69-69-64	271	-13
Anna Nordqvist, $242,409	69-68-68-66	271	-13
Auston Kim, $203,533	70-67-68-67	272	-12
Casandra Alexander, $166,709	73-66-63-71	273	-11
Somi Lee, $166,709	68-70-71-64	273	-11
Maja Stark, $166,709	66-71-69-67	273	-11
Jeeno Thitikul, $166,709	72-64-67-70	273	-11

PFA Tour/DP World Tour - ISCO Championship
At Championship Course; Louisville, Ky.; Purse: $4 million; Yardage: 7,056; Par: 70; x-Steven Fisk wins in a playoff

Final Round

x-Steven Fisk, $720,000	63-66-68-67	264	-16
Taylor Pendrith, $436,000	70-63-66-65	264	-16
Ben Silverman, $236,000	67-68-64-66	265	-15
Aaron Wise, $236,000	65-65-66-69	265	-15
Davis Chatfield, $148,000	68-64-68-66	266	-14
Lucas Glover, $148,000	63-64-68-71	266	-14
Kris Ventura, $148,000	68-68-64-66	266	-14

Champions Tour - Kaulig Companies Championship
At Firestone Country Club - South Course; Akron, Ohio; Purse: $3.5 million; Yardage: 7,248; Par: 70

Final Round

Zach Johnson, $525,000	67-67-63-68	265	-15
Boo Weekley, $308,000	68-67-70-66	271	-9
Rory Sabbatini, $252,000	68-72-66-66	272	-8
Stewart Cink, $210,000	69-68-68-68	273	-7

Diamondbacks 5, Dodgers 3

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256
Perdomo ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.241
Carroll rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Moreno c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.301
Gurriel lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Barrosa cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.186
Vargas 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.258
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.243
Tawa 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.214
Waldschmidt cf-lf	2	0	0	1	1	1	.250
Totals	**32**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**9**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	2	2	1	0	1	.293
Pages cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.270
Freeman 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.290
Betts ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Edman 2b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.343
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.243
Muncy 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.259
Alfonzo c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rushing ph-c	0	0	0	0	1	0	.254
Totals	**29**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**5**	**6**	

Arizona	**000 022 001 —**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Los Angeles	**102 000 000 —**	**3**	**3**	**2**

E: Pages (1), Muncy (8). **LOB:** Arizona 4, Los Angeles 4. **2B:** Vargas (13), Arenado (17), Ohtani (16). **HR:** Tawa (3), off Phillips; Ohtani (22), off Bratt. **RBIs:** Arenado (40), Waldschmidt (9), Vargas (47), Tawa (15), Ohtani (58), Edman 2 (11). **SB:** Waldschmidt (6). **SF:** Waldschmidt. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 4 (Marte, Perdomo, Arenado 2); Los Angeles 2 (Alfonzo, Tucker). **RISP:** Arizona 2 for 11; Los Angeles 1 for 5. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Tawa, Perdomo, Tawa).

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bratt	3.0	3	3	3	3	0	58	6.00
Clarke	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	20	2.59
Thompson, W, 4-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.88
Ginkel, H, 8	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.84
Loáisiga, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	23	2.17
Morillo, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	12	2.89
Sewald, S, 22-23	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	4.24

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sheehan	5.1	3	3	1	1	7	101	4.70
Henriquez, L, 4-1, BS, 1-2	0.2	1	1	1	1	0	15	2.52
Stewart	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	16	2.79
Scott	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2.56
Phillips	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	19	6.00

T: 2:54. **A:** 47,967 (56,000).

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	14	9	.609	—
Atlanta	13	10	.565	1
Liberty	13	11	.542	1½
Washington	11	10	.524	2
Toronto	10	13	.435	4
Chicago	7	16	.304	7
Connecticut	5	18	.217	9

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	17	6	.739	—
Las Vegas	17	7	.708	½
Golden State	17	7	.708	½
Dallas	16	8	.667	1½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	6
Portland	10	13	.435	7
Phoenix	8	16	.333	9½
Seattle	6	19	.240	12

Sunday
Toronto 93, **Liberty** 91
Washington 84, Seattle 79
Dallas 96, Chicago 91
Indiana 109, Las Vegas 75

Monday
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7pm
Phoenix at Minnesota, 9pm

Tuesday
Portland at Connecticut, 11 a.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7pm

Wednesday
Seattle at Chicago, 12pm
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 1pm
Golden State at Indiana, 8pm

NBA Summer League Schedule

Sunday
New Orleans 81, Phoenix 75
Detroit 103, Cleveland 94
Boston 87, Charlotte 75
Golden State 104, Oklahoma City 79
Orlando 112, Portland 105, OT
Washington 104, Sacramento 85
San Antonio 90, Milwaukee 80
L.A. Clippers 104, Utah 82

Monday
Detroit vs. **Knicks**, 4pm
Toronto vs. Indiana, 4:30pm
Atlanta vs. Boston, 6pm
Dallas vs. Memphis, 7pm
Miami vs. Cleveland, 8pm
Chicago vs. Utah, 9pm
Phoenix vs. Milwaukee, 10pm
Minnesota vs. Portland, 11pm

Tempo 93, Liberty 91

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Stewart	33:43	8-21	6-6	3-8	2	1	22
Xu	19:27	2-7	0-0	0-1	1	0	4
Jones	31:01	3-8	3-4	3-10	0	2	10
Astier	24:44	5-8	4-4	0-3	2	5	14
Ionescu	33:07	9-18	7-8	1-4	8	3	28
Johannes	21:40	3-9	0-0	2-3	2	2	7
Laney-Hamilton	16:29	3-4	0-0	1-3	1	2	6
Maley	11:09	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Carrera	6:41	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Gardner	1:58	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	33-76	20-22	10-33	16	19	91

Percentages: FG .434, FT .909. **3-point goals:** 5-26, .192 (Ionescu 3-7, Johannes 1-5, Jones 1-5, Astier 0-1, Laney-Hamilton 0-1, Stewart 0-3, Xu 0-4). **Team rebounds:** 9. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Carrera, Jones, Stewart, Xu). **Turnovers:** 17 (Astier 4, Laney-Hamilton 4, Johannes 3, Jones 2, Carrera, Ionescu, Stewart, Xu). **Steals:** 11 (Astier 3, Ionescu 3, Johannes 2, Stewart 2, Maley). **Technicals:** Laney-Hamilton, 3:19 third; Ionescu, 7:17 fourth; Laney-Hamilton, 1:48 fourth.

Toronto

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Conde	33:31	5-11	2-2	0-2	2	4	15
Juskaite	30:49	7-8	2-2	1-4	3	5	18
Harrison	22:58	4-9	0-0	0-7	0	6	9
Allemand	34:06	2-4	0-0	0-5	10	2	4
Mabrey	35:09	9-19	9-11	0-2	5	3	30
N.Sabally	26:13	5-9	3-3	3-7	1	3	13
Pouye	9:54	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	3	2
Nurse	4:51	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	2
Bankole	2:29	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200:00	34-66	16-18	5-30	22	28	93

Percentages: FG .515, FT .889. **3-point goals:** 9-24, .375 (Conde 3-7, Mabrey 3-8, Juskaite 2-3, Harrison 1-2, N.Sabally 0-1, Pouye 0-1, Allemand 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 7. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 3 (Conde, Harrison, Mabrey). **Turnovers:** 23 (Juskaite 6, Mabrey 6, Harrison 4, Pouye 3, N.Sabally 2, Allemand, Conde). **Steals:** 10 (Juskaite 3, Allemand 2, Conde 2, N.Sabally 2, Harrison). **Technicals:** Mabrey, 3:19 third.

Liberty	19	20	25	27—	91
Toronto	24	23	33	13—	93

A: 12,724 (21,288).

FIFA World Cup

SEMIFINAL
Tuesday
France vs. Spain, 3pm
Wednesday
England vs. Argentina, 3pm

Wimbledon

At All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; Purse: €30,060,000; Surface: Grass; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Championship

Jannik Sinner (1), Italy, def. Alexander Zverev (2), Germany, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-4.

The POST Line

WNBA

Favorite	Monday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
DREAM	7.5 (180.5)	Sparks
LYNX	12.5 (168.5)	Mercury

FIFA World Cup

Favorite	Tuesday- Semifinals Money Line	Underdog
France	$135-220	Spain
game held in Arlington, Tx.		
	Wednesday	
England	$160-205	Argentina
game held in Atlanta		

NBA Summer League

Favorite	Monday PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Pistons	7.5 (168.5)	**Knicks**
Raptors	3.5 (184.5)	Pacers
Hawks	4.5 (176.5)	Celtics
Grizzlies	8.5 (176.5)	Mavericks
Cavaliers	1.5 (180.5)	Heat
Jazz	3.5 (180.5)	Bulls
Suns	4.5 (176.5)	Bucks
T'wolves	5.5 (180.5)	Trail Blazers
all games held in Las Vegas		

MLB All -Star Game

Favorite	Tuesday Money Line	Underdog
*NL ALL-STARS	$105-130	AL All-Stars
*Philadelphia		

NFL

Favorite	Wed. Sept. 9 PTS (O/U)	Underdog
SEAHAWKS	3.5 (44.5)	Patriots
	Thur. Sept. 10	
RAMS	3 (48.5)	49ers
	Sun. Sept. 13	
Cowboys	2.5 (48.5)	**GIANTS**
TITANS	3 (39.5)	**Jets**
LIONS	7 (48.5)	Saints
JAGUARS	7.5 (40.5)	Browns
Bears	2.5 (44.5)	PANTHERS
Bills	1.5 (45.5)	TEXANS
Ravens	3.5 (49.5)	COLTS
BENGALS	3.5 (50.5)	Buccaneers
STEELERS	3 (42.5)	Falcons
CHARGERS	11.5 (45.5)	Cardinals
EAGLES	5.5 (46.5)	Commanders
RAIDERS	3 (41.5)	Dolphins
Packers	1.5 (44.5)	VIKINGS
	Monday	
CHIEFS	2.5 (42.5)	Broncos

Home Teams In CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

GOLF: Kim takes Scottish Open

Tom Kim played bogey-free during a tight race to the finish Sunday in North Berwick and closed with a 6-under 64 for a two-shot victory in the Scottish Open, his first PGA Tour title since the fall of 2023.

Min Woo Lee closed with a par for a 67 to finish alone in second.

● In Akron, Ohio, **Zach Johnson** won his first PGA Tour Champions major in the final event at Firestone Country Club, closing with a 2-under 68 for a six-shot victory in the Kaulig Companies Championship.

● In Louisville, Ky.**, Steven Fisk** outlasted **Taylor Pendrith** in the ISCO Championship for his second PGA Tour title, two-putting for par on the third hole of a playoff. Fisk closed with a 3-under 67 in cloudy and breezy conditions at Hurstbourne Country Club to match Pendrith at 16-under 264.

● In South Lake Tahoe, Nev., former tennis player **Mardy Fish** won his third American Century Championship title, beating 2025 winner and ex-NHLer **Joe Pavelski** by six points in the celebrity tournament.

WNBA: Clark's Fever crush Aces

Caitlin Clark had 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists, **Kelsey Mitchell** scored 27 points, and the Fever beat **A'ja Wilson** and the Aces 109-75 on Sunday night in Las Vegas.

● In Dallas, **Paige Bueckers** had 22 points and 11 assists, **Jessica Shepard** added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the Wings beat the Sky 96-91.

MLB: D'backs sweep Dodgers

Ildemaro Vargas had two hits, including a go-ahead single in the sixth inning, and the Diamondbacks overcame **Shohei Ohtani's** 22nd home run in a 5-3 victory over the sloppy Dodgers on Sunday that finished a three-game sweep.

● In Miami, **Joey Cantillo** struck out nine over five innings of one-run ball, **Brayan Rocchio** homered and drove in two and the Guardians beat the Marlins 5-2 to complete a three-game sweep.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Brandon Nimmo** hit a game-ending single that drove in **Wyatt Langford** with his third hit of the game, and the Rangers beat the Astros 6-5.

● In St. Louis, **Ozzie Albies** doubled and scored the winning run on **Masyn Winn**'s throwing error in the ninth inning, allowing the Braves to avoid a sweep against the Cardinals with a 4-3 win.

● In Pittsburgh, **Paul Skenes** won his second straight start after going winless for nine in a row as the Pirates scored 10 runs in the fourth inning to rout the Brewers 14-5 for a three-game sweep.

ETC.: Van der Poel wins 9th stage

Mathieu van der Poel timed his attack perfectly to win the hilly ninth stage of the Tour de France in a sprint finish, while defending champ **Tadej Pogacar** kept the race leader's yellow jersey Sunday in Ussel, France.

● **Frank Vogel**, who helmed the 2020 NBA champion Lakers, has agreed to take on the associate head coach role with the Warriors, ESPN reported.

TOP PLAY

Take Walker with a side of Rice in Derby

By MALIK SMITH

This year's Home Run Derby will focus more on quality instead of quantity. Instead of timed rounds, hitters get a set number of swings — 20 in Round 1 and 15 each in Rounds 2 and 3 — which should improve the experience for hitters and viewers alike.

With this format, making good contact is even more important because every swing counts, regardless of whether a batter hits a homer.

The field is stacked with Kyle Schwarber leading as the favorite (+340), followed by Munetaka Murakami (+470), Junior Caminero (+490), Jordan Walker (+600), Jac Caglianone (+650), Bryce Harper (+800), Ben Rice (+900) and Willson Contreras (11/1).

All-Star events are great betting opportunities because you can find statistical indicators to make a good case for who to bet on and then compare that to the odds. In this case, I'm looking at exit velocity, hard hit percentage, launch angle and sweet spot percentage.

This new format should put a bit more emphasis on the latter two, but power is still important for getting out of the opening round with home run distance as the tiebreaker.

The player who represents the most value on the board compared to his odds is Rice. He has the second-longest odds among the group but has the second-best average rank across the four indicators behind Schwarber. The drawback with Rice is that his average home run distance (389 feet) and longest home run (433) trail the rest of the field.

Walker, who has the third-best average rank among this group, is the other player I'm targeting. He has the profile to be a strong competitor with a better average home run distance (406 feet) and the third-longest homer (459 feet).

I'll split my bet across both guys and hope for some fireworks.

THE PLAYS: Ben Rice (+900) | Jordan Walker (+600)

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STITCHES

Junior's jacks will top pack

The week in review: The baseball season is half-baked. The World Cup field has been whittled down to four teams. A (Jannik) Sinner won at Wimbledon. A Saint (Stitches) lost at the local bocce tournament. And Tiger Woods didn't get into an accident.

It's Derby Day in Philly. Eight thoroughbreds entered this Home Run Derby. No Shohei Ohtani. No Aaron Judge. No Luis Torrens. So we will bet $50 on Junior Caminero (+490).

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Watching/betting on the Royals is akin to watching Caitlin Clark drive the lane. There's gonna be trouble, and somebody's gonna get hurt. That would be me.

With the game tied at 2-2, K.C. called the bullpen (this call to the bullpen is sponsored by Royally Screwed Hardware), and Matt Strahm came in. When he left, the Orioles were up 7-2 and went on to flush the Royals 8-2. The first half of the season is in the books. We move to the All-Star break down -152 clementes.

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MLB

World Series champion

TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Dodgers	+170	Orioles	70/1
Yankees	**+550**	Pirates	70/1
Brewers	10/1	Marlins	100/1
Braves	11/1	Padres	100/1
Mariners	12/1	Cardinals	125/1
Phillies	12/1	Twins	125/1
Rays	18/1	D'backs	150/1
Cubs	22/1	**Mets**	**500/1**
Rangers	22/1	Reds	500/1
Guardians	30/1	Rockies	500/1
Red Sox	35/1	Athletics	500/1
White Sox	40/1	Royals	500/1
Blue Jays	40/1	Giants	500/1
Tigers	45/1	Nationals	500/1
Astros	55/1	Angels	500/1

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Kyle Schwarber

Home Run Derby winner

NAME	ODDS
Kyle Schwarber	+340
Munetaka Murakami	+470
Junior Caminero	+490
Jordan Walker	+600
Jac Caglianone	+650
Bryce Harper	+800
Ben Rice	+900
Willson Contreras	11/1

Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 13	TUE July 14	WED July 15	THU July 16	FRI July 17
	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM	NO GAME	NO GAME	Dodgers 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM	NO GAME	Philadelphia 7:10 ESPN 880 AM	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Dallas 9:00 Prime Video	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22	Wednesday, July 22	Wednesday
FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	Washington Spirit 8:00 ESPN

Today's Sports on the Air

NBA BASKETBALL: SUMMER LEAGUE		
4 p.m.	Pistons vs. Knicks	MSG, Prime Video
4:30 p.m.	Raptors vs. Pacers	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Hawks vs. Celtics	Prime Video
7 p.m.	Mavericks vs. Grizzlies	ESPN
8 p.m.	Heat vs. Cavaliers	Prime Video
9 p.m.	Bulls vs. Jazz	ESPN
10 p.m.	Suns vs. Bucks	Prime Video
11 p.m.	Timberwolves vs. Trail Blazers	ESPN2
MLB BASEBALL		
8 p.m.	2026 Home Run Derby	Netflix
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7 p.m.	Sparks at Dream	USA
9 p.m.	Mercury at Lynx	NBCSN, Peacock
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Blaze at Volts	ESPN2
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Bastad: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Gstaad: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Umag: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Athens: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Iasi: Early Rounds	Tennis

NBA

2026-27 NBA champion

TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Spurs	+250	Magic	55/1
Thunder	+260	Hawks	75/1
Knicks	**+850**	Trail Blazers	75/1
Celtics	13/1	Hornets	80/1
Raptors	17/1	Suns	100/1
76ers	22/1	Jazz	225/1
Nuggets	22/1	Mavericks	250/1
Pistons	22/1	Clippers	300/1
Timberwolves	22/1	Wizards	300/1
Cavaliers	22/1	Pelicans	350/1
Heat	25/1	**Nets**	**750/1**
Pacers	40/1	Bucks	750/1
Warriors	45/1	Kings	750/1
Rockets	45/1	Bulls	750/1
Lakers	50/1	Grizzlies	750/1

NBA Finals runner-up

TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
Knicks	**+600**	Heat	14/1
Thunder	+650	Pacers	20/1
Spurs	+650	Magic	25/1
Celtics	+850	Nuggets	25/1
Raptors	11/1	Timberwolves	27/1
Pistons	12/1	Hawks	30/1
76ers	13/1	Lakers	35/1
Cavaliers	13/1	Rockets	35/1

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP
Semifinals
Tuesday in Dallas
France vs. Spain

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
France	+130
Draw	+210
Spain	+220

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-114
Under 2.5	-106

ANYTIME GOAL (including extra time)	ODDS
Kylian Mbappé	-110
Mikel Oyarzabal	+185
Ousmane Dembélé	+210
Lamine Yamal	+210
Michael Olise	+270
Bradley Barcola	+290
Désiré Doué	+290
Nico Williams	+320
Dani Olmo	+410
Álex Baena	+430

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	-172
No	+134

Wednesday in Atlanta
England vs. Argentina

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
England	+165
Draw	+190
Argentina	+200

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	+134
Under 2.5	-164

ANYTIME GOAL (including extra time)	ODDS
Harry Kane	+120
Lionel Messi	+130
Julián Alvarez	+220
Jude Bellingham	+290
Marcus Rashford	+380
Anthony Gordon	+400
Noni Madueke	+420
Bukayo Saka	+420
Enzo Fernández	+550
Leandro Paredes	+700

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	-110
No	-118

Champion

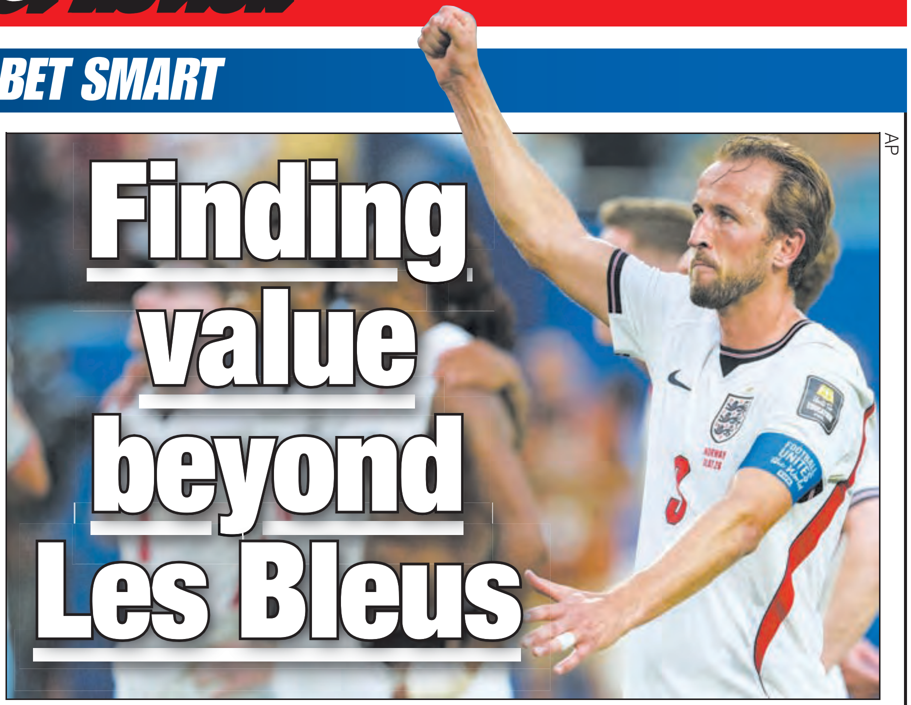
TEAM	ODDS
France	+140
England	+310
Spain	+330
Argentina	+400

To reach final

TEAM	ODDS
France	-148
England	-132
Argentina	+108
Spain	+120

BET SMART

Finding value beyond Les Bleus



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KANE IS ABLE: England's Harry Kane sits two goals behind World Cup leaders Kylian Mbappé and Lionel Messi, but his Golden Boot odds (13/1, Fanatics Sportsbook) are too juicy to ignore, writes Post expert Michael Leboff.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The World Cup has been full of drama, surprises and moments of magic. Ultimately, though, it has been chalky.

The four pretournament favorites, France, Spain, England and Argentina, are the last countries remaining in the 48-team field.

France will take on Spain in the first semifinal Tuesday afternoon in Dallas. England and Argentina then will renew their long-standing international rivalry Wednesday in Atlanta.

Before the tournament began just over a month ago, Spain topped the odds at most sportsbooks. Heading into the penultimate round, another team clearly has separated itself from the pack.

France, which has been to the final in each of the last two World Cups and won in 2018, is the consensus favorite to lift the trophy at +150. Les Bleus are the only team in the tournament that has won all six matches this summer without needing extra time.

Didier Deschamps' side has conceded only two goals in the tournament and none since the knockout rounds started.

If you bet France before the tournament, you're sitting pretty right now. But the value on Les Bleus is long gone, as is the value on Kylian Mbappé to win the Golden Boot (most goals) and/or Golden Ball (tournament MVP). He is odds-on at -120 to win the Golden Boot and +150 to win the Golden Ball.

So if not France and Mbappé, where is the value in the World Cup winner and the awards markets?

Best value to win the World Cup: Spain (+340, Caesars)

We haven't yet seen the best of Spain. That may sound ludicrous since *La Furia Roja* are in the semifinals, having conceded just one goal throughout the entire tournament. Still, if you've watched Luis de la Fuente's team this summer, you'd be right thinking that this team has another gear it can hit, especially offensively.

Spain's best player, Lamine Yamal, has one goal and no assists in the tournament. Only two players, Mikel Oyarzabal (four) and Mikel Merino (two), have scored more than once.

If La Roja can get just a little bit more from their stars, we know the defense will do its part.

Don't forget: Spain did beat France and England en route to the title at the European Championships two summers ago.

Best value to win the Golden Boot: Harry Kane (13/1, Fanatics Sportsbook)

He's got some ground to make up, but Harry Kane is still very much alive in the Golden Boot race.

England's captain has six goals at the World Cup, meaning he's two back of Mbappé and Lionel Messi. He also trails Mbappé by two assists and Messi by one (assists are the tiebreaker to win the award).

But Kane now will take on an Argentinian defense that has looked vulnerable against the likes of Cape Verde, Egypt and Switzerland in the knockout rounds, while Mbappé will need to deal with Spain.

Kane has proved to be captain clutch for England throughout his whole career, and he should also benefit from Jude Bellingham's offensive explosion for the Three Lions.

Instead of focusing their attention on Kane in the defensive third, Argentina (and whoever England's opponent is in the final or third-place match) now will need to account for the presence of Bellingham.

That should open up the doors for Kane to make some noise in the business end of the tournament.

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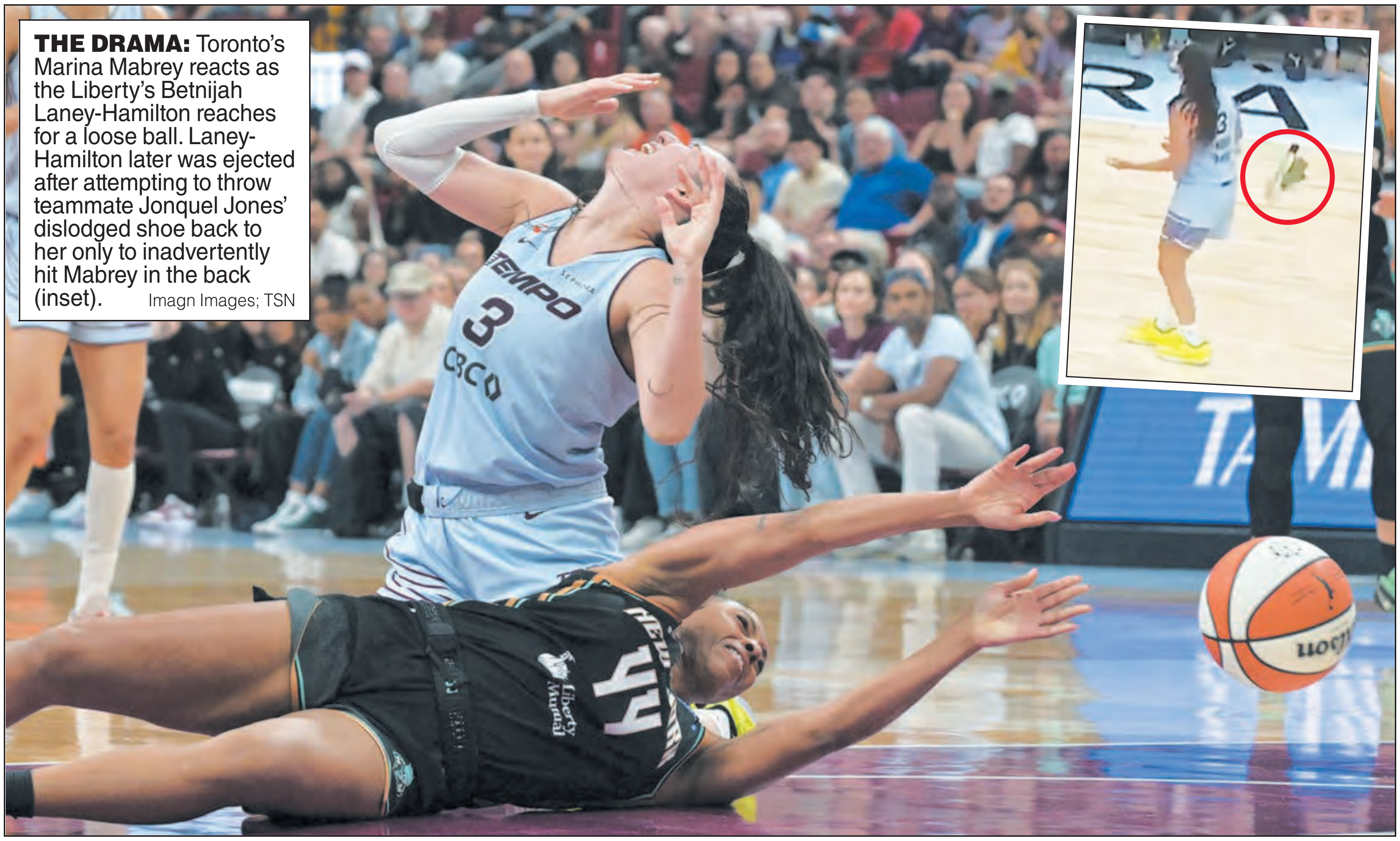

THE DRAMA: Toronto's Marina Mabrey reacts as the Liberty's Betnijah Laney-Hamilton reaches for a loose ball. Laney-Hamilton later was ejected after attempting to throw teammate Jonquel Jones' dislodged shoe back to her only to inadvertently hit Mabrey in the back (inset). Imagn Images; TSN

IT'S SHOE-TIME!

Footwear toss results in ejection of Libs forward

By MADELINE KENNEY

MONTREAL — The Liberty mounted a furious second-half comeback for the second consecutive day, yet the result was the same.

The chaotic finish to Sunday's game, which included a shoe being thrown, a subsequent ejection and what Liberty coach Chris DeMarco called "atrocious" and "pathetic" officiating, ended with New York falling to the Toronto Tempo 93-91 at Bell Centre as part of the WNBA's celebration of its first Canadian franchise.

TEMPO	**93**
LIBERTY	**91**

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DeMarco, as impassioned as ever, went on a fiery rant regarding the late-game officiating.

It started when he was asked about Betnijah Laney-Hamilton's ejection with 1:48 left in regulation.

Laney-Hamilton told The Post she intended to throw Jonquel Jones' shoe back to her teammate but, instead, accidentally hit the backside of Tempo guard Marina Mabrey.

"I know just by the way that things were going throughout the game that it can look a certain way," Laney-Hamilton said. "But that's just not something that I would personally do ... especially in a moment like that where the game is on the line."

Regardless of her intent, she received her second technical foul and was tossed.

DeMarco said Laney-Hamilton's ejection and the subsequent Tempo free throw changed the game's momentum as the Liberty overcame a 15-point deficit.

"I've never seen anything like it," DeMarco said. "We had all the momentum in the world. Shoe hit somebody, ejected, free throws ... I've never seen one of the best players to ever play in this league attack the rim and get fouled and absolutely no call, and we're just gonna play. Atrocious. Pathetic. It was pathetic."

DeMarco doubled down a moment later when asked for additional clarity on Laney-Hamilton's ejection.

"We're just making stuff up; I have no idea," he said. "You're asking the wrong person. I just know it was an atrocious end of that game from officials."

Mabrey sank the free throw to give the Tempo a two-point lead.

On the other end, Sabrina Ionescu fed Breanna Stewart for the game-tying bucket with 1:30 left.

Moments later, Pauline Astier corralled a defensive rebound. She lost the ball after colliding with Maria Conde, and the ball bounced out of bounds. The closest official said it was Liberty ball. Crew chief Kevin Fahy, who was on the opposite sideline, overturned the call and awarded possession to Toronto.

The ball appeared to clip the back of Astier's foot before bouncing out of bounds. But DeMarco had a different vantage point.

"I've also never seen a ref make such an atrocious call when he's on the other side of the floor," he said. "The ball is clearly off the defender and comes over and overturns and gives the ball back to Tempo again."

Nyara Sabally, whom the Tempo plucked from the Liberty in the expansion draft, hit the go-ahead layup to seal the Tempo's win.

Stewart had a chance to tie the game with 8.6 seconds left, but her attempt was off the mark, and the Tempo secured the rebound.

DeMarco's frustration came a day after he received a technical foul in Minnesota for barking at the refs after Jones was whistled for a foul.

Stewart thought the Liberty managed their emotions well in the past two games.

The Tempo were whistled for 28 fouls to the Liberty's 19. Regardless, DeMarco stood firm on his belief that his players too often get the short end of officiating.

"I haven't seen anybody get fouled as much as JJ in this league," he said. "I mean, she gets a rebound, clubbed all the time. Like again, Stewie gets to the rim — and I love my players. I love the game of basketball, I love the way we play. You're not gonna see Stew stare down the refs, sit there and b---h about calls. You're not going to see Sab over and over again ... If they get fouled, they're not going to fall every single time so they get a call. They're playing the game the right way and they should be rewarded when they're fouled, all right? Because I've seen a ton of basketball and there are players who are constantly hitting the ground. They don't do that. They play the game the right way."

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End-game disarray costs BLH

By MADELINE KENNEY

MONTREAL — Betnijah Laney-Hamilton tossed a shoe Sunday.

She then got tossed from the game.

Laney-Hamilton was ejected with 1:48 left in the fourth quarter of the Liberty's 93-91 loss to the Toronto Tempo after she threw a shoe that hit Marina Mabrey in the back.

It all happened so fast. In a matter of seemingly a few seconds, Jonquel Jones' abandoned shoe went from sitting under the Liberty's basket to soaring through the air before hitting Mabrey.

The bizarre incident happened during a play stoppage after Liberty star Sabrina Ionescu drew a charge. Laney-Hamilton was assessed a technical foul for throwing the shoe. It was her second technical of the matchup, resulting in her automatic ejection.

Laney-Hamilton got into a skirmish with Mabrey in the third quarter, for which they each received technicals.

Laney-Hamilton was also assessed a flagrant-1 foul late in the second quarter after her arm made contact with Mabrey's face while the two scrambled for a loose ball.

After the loss, Laney-Hamilton told The Post that she didn't intend to hit Mabrey with her shoe.

"I would never intentionally try to hit someone with a shoe, especially while they're not looking," Laney-Hamilton said. "Teammate was without a shoe, so I did my best to try and get it to her. Unfortunately, it did hit someone ... I know just by the way that things were going throughout the game that it can look a certain way, but that's just not something that I would personally do ... especially in a moment like that where the game is on the line."

Coach Chris DeMarco was furious about Laney-Hamilton's second technical.

"I've never seen anything like it," said DeMarco, who called the officiating "atrocious" and "pathetic." "We had all the momentum in the world. Shoe hit somebody, ejected, free throws."

DeMarco doubled down a moment later when asked for additional clarity on Laney-Hamilton's ejection.

"We're just making stuff up, I have no idea," he said. "You're asking the wrong person. I just know it was an atrocious end of that game from officials."

Dead end street

McGregor's done as UFC legend after injury, quick loss in Vegas

QUICK AND PAINFUL: Conor McGregor (above) shortly after losing to Max Holloway (inset) Saturday night in a UFC 329 middleweight bout in Las Vegas. McGregor suffered a knee injury shortly after the fight started. The crowd of more than 20,000 fans booed after the bout. AP

THE Conor McGregor you knew is dead, and he isn't coming back.

Sure, he lives on to enjoy his multimillions, his wife and four children, his newly embraced faith and his business ventures.

But world-class fighter Conor McGregor? He's 6 feet under the Octagon canvas.

UFC

Scott Fontana

Max Holloway didn't bury him, though he did pick up the easiest victory of his life in their brief and disappointing bout Saturday, sending a thrilling UFC 329 event into the Las Vegas night with a whimper.

Make that with a limp, as McGregor made his way to the bowels of the arena without sticking around for the post-fight interview with Joe Rogan, surely bound for a physician to take a look at the right knee he seemed to blow out on his very first strike attempt right out of the gate. The Irishman sprinted across the cage, threw a jumping left high kick at Holloway, landed awkwardly as he tumbled to the mat and, for all intents and purposes, had already lost.

"What can I say?" Holloway said, setting up the punch line. "I had him weak in the knees."

If you're scoring at home, that's now two consecutive fights in which McGregor's night in the cage ended with a devastating leg injury. The last one — a fractured tibia and fibula in his left leg — came against Dustin Poirier ... five years ago.

"Five years off in this sport is rough," Dana White said in post-event remarks. The UFC CEO added that the assumption in his non-medical opinion is a torn ACL. McGregor was on his way to find out, immediately leaving the arena without so much as putting on a shirt or shoes and walking under his own power on the injured leg.

The intervening 60 months since that last injury seemed to allow fans to forget, or at least discount, that loss to Poirier in 2021 — well, the second one of that year to that opponent. The image of McGregor giving Rogan an interview while unable to stand had faded enough, it seemed, for the hype for this return to be real. It had captured the sports conversation — at least a portion of it, on a day featuring two World Cup quarterfinal matches — in a way not all UFC events can.

That's not happening next time, assuming even McGregor wants to take another break from the spoils of his lucrative victories to work his way back to fighting shape again after the third major leg injury of his career.

The announced crowd of 20,078, a record for a UFC event at T-Mobile Arena, sat somewhere between nonplussed and displeased. Many will remember this disheartening end to their primary reason for paying up the wazoo for tickets, rather than the impressive chokeout Paddy Pimblett applied to Benoit Saint Denis or impressive rallies by Brandon Royval and King Green.

"Let's give it up for Conor McGregor, guys. What an absolute animal," Holloway beckoned the crowd. "When we was in here, he kept trying to say I was trying to call our fight, and he kept asking to fight on."

They weren't having it. Boos rained down from the cheap seats.

Not that it was exactly McGregor's fault this happened. The Post's Erich Richter reported that the former two-division champion did not come into the fight with such a major injury.

Want to link it to McGregor's decade of decadence? Can't stop you there. Maybe all the whiskey he hocked (and imbibed) or the drugs and the time out of the gym caught up to him. We'll never know.

None of those transgressions or distractions, public though they were, did anything to dissuade the masses from tuning in after all these years away. Neither punching an older man in a bar nor being found civilly liable for sexual assault — among other run-ins with legal matters greater and lesser.

But letting down the paying public? That's a bridge too far in combat sports.

Father Time is coming for McGregor. He'll observe his 38th birthday on Tuesday, though whether he'll be celebrating will depend on how much this latest setback stings.

In no way did this man of delusional confidence, who declared for all to hear at Thursday's press conference that was in his prime, believe the fight would be waved off after just 66 seconds when it became evident he couldn't put weight on his right leg.

About 2 hours later, his first remarks on X revealed a man in a "dark" place.

"My head gasket is gone. Destroyed. I had no injury / injuries going into the fight. I was throwing kicks, planted and jumping, all throughout camp as well as backstage before the fight. This came out of nowhere. I am beyond dark here. I can only describe it as hell."

Make no mistake: McGregor will fight again. There's too much money he can grab for this to be the end.

But the damage is done to his knee.

Worse, the damage was done to his aura.

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FIFA prez: 2030 World Cup could expand to 64 teams

By JAKE NISSE

FIFA's expanded World Cup may soon get even bigger.

The tournament debuted a 48-team field this summer — up from the previous 32-team format — but FIFA president Gianni Infantino has confirmed the World Cup field could balloon once again in 2030.

Speaking to Swiss outlet Bluewin, Infantino shared that FIFA is mulling a 64-team format for the 2030 tournament.

"That's definitely an issue that will be examined and discussed in the relevant committees after this World Cup," Infantino said. "When organizing a World Cup, it's important to organize it for the whole world, not just Europe and South America, but effectively the entire world.

"Every nation should be allowed to dream of participating in the World Cup. You can see that the quality of the teams is extremely high — and it's getting higher and higher, all over the world. If you don't give smaller countries a chance to participate in the World Cup, they'll lack the incentive to keep improving."

While the new format removed some jeopardy from the group stage, as 32 of 48 teams advanced to the knockouts, there have also been some great underdog performances, as Infantino hinted at.

Cape Verde escaped the group stage and lost narrowly to Argentina in the Round of 32, while Congo pushed England to the brink at the same stage.

Following this Canada, United States and Mexico-hosted World Cup, the next tournament will be primarily hosted by Morocco, Portugal and Spain.

There will also be one match apiece in Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina in honor of the inaugural 1930 tournament.

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Nets' Jefferson knocking off rust after trade holdup

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Mikel Brown Jr. isn't the Nets' only first-round rookie, or even the only one, with a delayed debut.

After having to wait for the trade that brought him to the Nets to finally become official — a holdup that cost Joshua Jefferson the first four games of summer league — he finally saw his first action in Saturday's 83-76 loss to Atlanta.

JOSHUA JEFFERSON

For a player who hadn't seen live action since his college career was cut short by injury, Jefferson showed predictable rust. The 22-year-old will spend the rest of the Nets' stay in Las Vegas knocking that off.

"Definitely. [Saturday] was just the first game in four months, since March when I got hurt. So it's really been a long time since I've been in a playing setting because I wasn't able to get any practice reps either," Jefferson said. "So, I definitely think I'm going to be fine. I showed some glimpses [of] what I can do with the ball in my hand, so just got to keep playing.

"[The] first half was good. Had some really good showings. Just getting comfortable with the guys. I never played with them before, so it's going to be pretty foreign for me for this first time. But just good to get good reps right now. So, just continue to play hard."

Jefferson certainly played hard, if not particularly crisply. The 6-foot-9, 240-pound forward struggled from the floor. Jefferson finished with nine points in 26 minutes, shooting just 1-for-8 and 0-for-4 from deep. His only make came on a driving layup.

"We'd both say he wanted to make more shots. He'd say the same thing," Nets summer league coach Dutch Gailey said. "It's the little things that he's doing well, and it's the first game to get him a feel. We'll watch the film with him, come back, get practice and then we're back at the game [against] Sacramento.

"He'll have a better understanding of the pace of the game. ... The change is a big change, especially when you haven't played. He's coming off an injury; he hasn't played in a while. So, there's a lot of stuff he did well, and there's stuff we can help him with. That's going to be our goal over these next two days."

The aforementioned injury and trade delay made Jefferson's wait longer than expected and the rust more glaring than usual.

Jefferson averaged 16.4 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 1.6 steals for Iowa State, but a left ankle sprain in its NCAA Tournament opener ended his college career.

The Nets drafted Jefferson with the No. 28 pick they got in the Julius Randle trade. But with the deal not official until Friday, he missed the California Classic and opening win over the Knicks in Las Vegas.

Unable to even practice with the Nets, both the rust and unfamiliarity were obvious in Saturday's debut.

"I've been training on my own, just trying to push my wind as much as I can. My body felt good; just gotta keep playing," Jefferson said. "I'd be pleased with my activity level and how hard I'm playing. You're going to miss shots; you're going to make shots. So I can't dictate how I play off of that, just your energy and your effort level."

Still, Jefferson showed a couple of the traits that convinced the Nets to add him to a crowded power forward room behind Randle and alongside Noah Clowney and Danny Wolf.

Jefferson ripped down a rebound and went coast-to-coast for his only bucket, went 5-for-6 from the line and added a nice bounce pass for an assist.

Granted, down 75-72, he drove and kicked out to the corner, but the spacing was off to result in a turnover with three minutes left. With improved familiarity, though, his playmaking fits with the passing the Nets have been indexing.

"Just the way my passing can affect the game, making everybody feel involved, get the ball flying around. It's easy to guard people when the ball's sticking in one person's hands," Jefferson said. "So as long as I can continue to show that with the team, we'll be fine."

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TIME TO

By STEFAN BONDY

LAS VEGAS — Entering what feels like a make-or-break season for his Knicks career, Pacôme Dadiet understands the assignment.

"[Become] more efficient at the 3-point line," the 20-year-old forward said over the weekend, "and play harder."

Dadiet has been, to this point, a disappointment as New York's lone first-round draft pick in the past four years. His career 3-point efficiency sits at a paltry 21.9 percent. Scouts have noted his low motor, with Dadiet's relaxed movements reminiscent of another former Knicks first-round pick: Kevin Knox.

With that in mind, Dadiet's goal to "play harder" is noteworthy. It would help his defense and rebounding, which also have underwhelmed. As one NBA general manager jokingly texted last year during Las Vegas Summer League: "I wouldn't trade a croissant for Pacôme Dadiet."

Even with all the signs of a bust, the Frenchman remains on the Knicks roster — guaranteed at roughly $3 million — because of the tantalizing potential. He has the ideal build and skill set for a forward, standing at 6-foot-9 with all the proper mechanics on his jumper.

He's also young enough to believe a giant leap still is possible.

It's why people inside the Knicks are predicting a breakout for Dadiet, who nonetheless struggled in the opening two games of this year's summer league with 16.5 points per game on 36 percent shooting — and 15.4 percent from beyond the arc.

It's all significant now for Dadiet, whose contract includes a team option for next season with an Oct. 31 deadline. If the Knicks don't pick up that $5.3 million option — and it would be impossible to justify picking that up right now — Dadiet

FRENCH FRIED: Pacôme Dadiet, the Knicks' only first-round pick over the past four years, has averaged 16.5 points through the first two Las Vegas Summer League games but has shot poorly — 36 percent from the field and just 15.4 percent on 3-pointers.

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Dadiet grasps need to evolve his game

will become a trade candidate and a free agent next summer.

"I have a better feeling of what the expectations are," Dadiet said. "So trying to put that into my workouts. Also, I know when to take time off [and] when to work; feeling more experienced."

What are those expectations?

"It's more like playing hard [and being] somebody who can make shots, [make] open shots, play defense," he said.

Dadiet certainly has the blueprint for success on a championship squad. He has watched and absorbed masterful playoff performances from Knicks wings Mikal Bridges and, especially, OG Anunoby.

They played off the ball, played defense and thrived.

"I've been watching them a lot," Dadiet said. "I know [playing off the ball] is important to our schemes, so just try to be better."

To stick around, Dadiet has to capitalize on his chances. They've been sporadic for him in the NBA. He shockingly started his 2024-25 rookie campaign in Tom Thibodeau's rotation, but that lasted just a couple of games before Dadiet was relegated to the bench. He was a starter in the preseason last year under Mike Brown but struggled during the games in Abu Dhabi and never recovered. People around the league believed Dadiet's preseason chance last year mostly was about showcasing him for a trade.

A deal never developed, and Dadiet is now part of a young group the Knicks will try to lean on to get through the regular season. After Thibodeau was fired, the Knicks put out the message they're emphasizing development and even hired a player development coach, Billy Lange. It's especially important since building out depth is more difficult while under the mandate of avoiding the second apron of the luxury tax. Dadiet, Tyler Kolek, Mohamed Diawara, Tyler Nickel and Jack Kayil all have been drafted over the last three years. It'd be great for the Knicks if one pops.

Dadiet is overdue and grasps that 3-point shooting and effort are the way forward.

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Wimbledon repeat as Italian moves on from Paris meltdown

SIN' IT TO WIN IT: Jannik Sinner kisses the trophy after defeating Alexander Zverev to capture the Wimbledon men's singles title Sunday at All England Club.

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Sinner, Sinner chicken dinner

By ANDREW DAMPF

A year ago, it was a matter of bouncing back after wasting three match points in a devastating loss to Carlos Alcaraz in the French Open final and showing that he could still win a Grand Slam after a three-month doping ban.

This year it was about demonstrating that he still has the physical toughness to win a major after a debilitating second-round meltdown at Roland Garros in a Paris heat wave

Whatever gets thrown Jannik Sinner's way in the French capital — it seems lately — only makes him stronger across the Channel in London.

For the second straight year, Sinner responded to adversity in Paris with a title at Wimbledon.

The top-ranked Sinner beat Alexander Zverev 6-7 (7), 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday for his second consecutive title at the All England Club after his German opponent appeared bothered by a knee issue following a slip to the grass on a key point in the third set.

When Sinner ripped a forehand winner up the line on his first match point, the Italian dropped to the grass on his back in an unusually dramatic celebration for the normally low-key Italian.

"This one means a lot because [it] was a tough one after Paris again," Sinner said. "I'm proud of myself and my team, which continues to push me in the right direction."

Amid stifling heat and humidity in Paris in late May, Sinner had his 30-match winning streak ended after coming within one game of a straight-set victory over Juan Manuel Cerundolo, who was ranked No. 56.

Sinner went in for medical exams in Milan after the Paris defeat and didn't play an official match again until he arrived at Wimbledon, where he twice had to come back from a set down in a five-set marathon against Miomir Kecmanovic in the first round.

Sinner then didn't drop a set the rest of the way until the final, having dominated against Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

"It goes to show the maturity of the player that we're working with," said Darren Cahill, one of Sinner's coaches. "That he can take a kick in the guts like that.

"What makes us the most proud of him and working with him is the way he comes back from those," Cahill added. "It doesn't put him down for too long."

It was Sinner's fifth Grand Slam title.

"I don't think this one was any more important than any of the others that he's played," Cahill said. "But it felt damn special, that's for sure."

It was Sinner's 10th straight victory over Zverev, who was coming off his first Grand Slam title at the French Open.

Zverev's previous best performance at Wimbledon was reaching the fourth round three times.

"I'm 29 years old, and this is the first time I actually believe I can win this trophy," Zverev said.

Prince William joined wife Kate and two of their children for the final in a star-studded Royal Box that also included actors Dustin Hoffman, Nicole Kidman and Ben Stiller.

"There's no better place to play tennis," Sinner said during the trophy ceremony.

Despite the defeat, Zverev will leapfrog Alcaraz into the No. 2 spot in the rankings on Monday.

Alcaraz missed both the French Open and Wimbledon this year due to a right wrist injury. *— AP*

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Tuchel not backing down

By ETHAN SEARS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Regarding the clash between England manager Thomas Tuchel and Jude Bellingham, there are two angles to consider.

First, the melodrama. Remember, there is history here. Tuchel dropped Bellingham from England's squad in October, after using the word "repulsive" in August to describe Bellingham's behavior on the field. The manager later apologized, saying he'd used the word unintentionally as a result of English being his second language.

Still, it's hard to think those moments didn't underpin Bellingham's response Saturday when asked about Tuchel's comments in the wake of England's 2-1 win over Norway, in which the manager said in an on-field interview that his team had been "sloppy" and "lucky" to escape the quarterfinal.

"Maybe, or maybe he doesn't know what it's like to play in these types of conditions against Erling Haaland, [Martin] Ødegaard, [Antonio] Nusa, [Alexander] Sørloth," Bellingham said in the mixed zone when asked to respond to Tuchel. "That's not an easy team to play against. I think we tried to create a positive environment. We should continue that going into the final four. I can't speak highly enough of the lads. ... Sometimes, you have to win dirty and we did that again tonight."

THOMAS TUCHEL
England manager

The perceived dig at Tuchel's playing career raised eyebrows, as did the obvious lack of synergy between manager and star player. In Tuchel's defense, he repeatedly praised his team's mentality in the on-field interview and, given the chance to expand later in a news conference, sounded far less upset about the performance. It's easy for such nuances to get lost in the shuffle, especially amid a chaotic and emotional environment within an hour after the final whistle.

"Not at all [upset] with the result and not with the team," Tuchel said. "Maybe to be more specific ... there's no doubt I'm proud and I'm happy. I feel so connected to this team because they just do whatever it takes to take the next step. They just refuse to lose.

"There will come obstacles and adversity, but I'm also a football coach. And I also have demands. Of course we want to bring out the best in us in a performance, because a top performance helps you winning games, just like this. So the head of mine is not fully satisfied and is not 100 percent happy with the way we played."

If not for Bellingham's response, that's probably how the initial comments would have been taken: a manager being a manager.

Whether Bellingham's comments point at a poor relationship with Tuchel or not is, relatively speaking, a minor issue, at least as it relates to England's chances of winning the World Cup. Bellingham and Tuchel need each other; things have been fine for a month together, surely the bottom won't fall out with two games left. (If Tuchel stays in the job after this summer, that's another matter.)

The second facet, and the more important one as it relates to that, is the merit of Tuchel's criticism, which he built on in his answer.

"I stand by it," he said. "I think we can play faster. I think we can play more clinical. We have too many unforced errors and technical mistakes in our game that cost us a lot of belief. And like I said, we had some crucial moments where we got lucky at the end of the first half, we lost a bit of belief and confidence. Lot of things to do better, which is not a problem, but no disconnect from me to my team."

While Bellingham's defensiveness is understandable, that is, obviously, all true. And while the heat Saturday certainly played a major factor in how slow paced the game was at points, the problem wasn't limited to the quarterfinal.

England did play on the back foot for much of the Norway game, and it has rarely looked at its best in the World Cup.

Some of that is on Tuchel. His first two substitutions at halftime Saturday hurt England before the additions of Djed Spence, Reece James and Morgan Rogers solved the problem. His choices to drop Cole Palmer, Adam Wharton and Phil Foden remain suspect. He still hasn't found the best starting 11 at this tournament, with questions at right back, right wing and center back in particular.

Some of it is on the players themselves, whose execution has left room for improvement.

Should England go out against Argentina — another team that's struggled to control games against seemingly inferior opposition — Tuchel's words will have been proven right in the worst way.

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CANCER
(June 22-July 23)
A new moon in your sign will fire your passion for something of a creative nature over the next few days, and Mars will provide the energy to give it your very best shot. You are capable of so much more than you allow yourself to believe.

LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)
Recent events have been confusing to say the least, and what occurs next is unlikely to clarify the situation. What it will do though is remind you that you are in control of the major events of your life, not unseen forces you don't understand.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
You can choose to be happy or you can choose to be sad, but what you cannot choose is how other people treat you. No matter what happens today, you can and you must keep a smile on your face. It will protect you from the world's negativity.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
A window of opportunity on the work front will open up over the next few days, so be ready to move fast and seize your big chance to shine. If you dream of moving up in the world — and you should — it could soon be a reality.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Cosmic activity in the most adventurous area of your chart will encourage you to do things differently both at home and at work. Even those who know you best will be amazed by your willingness to embrace radical solutions to everyday problems.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
The message of the stars today is that you need to be careful how you choose to make money. The approaching new moon will encourage you to look for ways to increase your wealth, but if you cut corners, you could cut you profit margins as well.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Now is the perfect time to fix an issue that has been causing a lot of tension in recent weeks. A new moon in the partnership area of your chart will endow you with the courage to do the unthinkable and meet a rival halfway.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you approach what you have to do in a positive frame of mind, it will not only work out well but will set you up for a week in which you accomplish more than you or anyone else expected. Attitude is more important than strength or talent.

PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
It's not like you to lack tact but you seem to have reached a point where you no longer care what effect your words might have on other people. Don't be abrasive for the sake of it, but do say what you mean and refuse to back down.

ARIES
(March 21-April 20)
It's not like you to worry so much but you seem to be expecting something rather bad to occur. Fortunately, the approaching new moon will provide you with something more positive to focus on, something to do with the people you love.

TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
If you are torn between doing something you enjoy and something boring that others expect of you, go with the fun choice. Life is too short to waste time on things that fail to inspire you, so let the world know you'll be doing your own thing today.

GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
The fact that you fear losing something of a material nature suggests you have become too attached to it. You don't have to let it go completely but you do need to loosen its hold over you during the early part of the week.

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Venus is so strong on your birthday this year that your values are likely to change in a very big way. You must, however, make sure this change comes from the heart and reflects your own needs and desires. Don't let others manipulate you.

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VAR FROM PERFECT

Originally meant to right past wrongs, video ref has only added new ones

By MICHAEL DUARTE

VAR was never supposed to steal the show.

It was supposed to improve the game.

Instead, with just four matches remaining in the World Cup, the video assistant referee has become the tournament's most polarizing figure, its loudest talking point and, depending on which country you ask, its greatest villain.

The best stories of this World Cup were supposed to be about Messi's quest to repeat, Spain's artistry, France's dominance or England trying to end a 60-year drought. But too often the narrative has been about a referee staring into a monitor before pressing his finger against an earpiece to deliver a verdict from a room filled with television screens hundreds of miles away.

The technology was created to eliminate clear and obvious mistakes. Instead, it has created endless arguments over microscopic ones.

In many ways, VAR has done exactly what it was designed to do.

New technology has correctly overturned goals that should never have counted. Using dozens of tracking cameras and connected-ball technology, FIFA has identified offsides by inches, toes, and fingertips with remarkable accuracy. By the letter of the law, those decisions have been correct. They have also produced some of the tournament's most heartbreaking moments.

Iran thought it had scored a stoppage-time winner to reach the knockout stage before a toe ruled Shoja Khalilzadeh offside. Croatia believed it had rescued its World Cup against Portugal until VAR detected a ball grazed the hair of Igor Matanovic. A celebration that should have lived forever instead disappeared after a two-minute review.

VAR has corrected major mistakes, reduced accusations of referee bias and increased accountability in matches carrying the weight of entire nations. Few would argue against overturning an obvious offside goal or correcting an intentional dive.

But soccer has always lived in its imperfections. Human error has long been part of its drama and greatest moments. Remember Maradona's "Hand of God" or Frank Lampard's "Ghost Goal?"

Those moments would have been forever changed by VAR as the sport of soccer now debates hair follicles, camera wires and the force of contact in slow motion rather than with the naked eye.

Some reviews are necessary. Others change the outcome of a game entirely.

During Switzerland's quarterfinal defeat against Argentina, Breel Embolo received a second yellow card for simulation just minutes after his team had leveled the score and stolen all the momentum.

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"Football did not come out on top today," said Swiss manager Murat Yakin. "We suffered from a referee mistake. ... The VAR and the rule is just unnecessary. It's unfair."

The new mistaken identity rule allows FIFA to review simulated dives under VAR authority. In Embolo's case, it was likely ruled correctly. However, such plays happen countless times during a match, and if every player were booked for exaggerating a challenge, the game would be ruined.

Instead of the conversation centering on Argentina reaching its seventh semifinal, it was about the reigning champions becoming the beneficiary of yet another favorable VAR decision.

Egypt manager Hossam Hassan accused FIFA of injustice after his team's controversial Round of 16 elimination against Argentina. Four-time champion Germany was eliminated in the Round of 32 after Jonathan Tah's extra-time winner was erased by VAR. Ghana never received what should have been a clear penalty in its upset bid against England, and Belgium advanced past Senegal thanks to the opposite.

But the biggest VAR debacle was Folarin Balogun's red card against Bosnia-Herzegovina that sparked international headlines, political debate, FIFA appeals, President Donald Trump's involvement and Belgium's furious objections after the suspension was lifted ahead of its Round of 16 match. Belgium used it as motivation in its 4-1 hammering of the U.S., even trolling the country by celebrating with Trump's signature dance and a tweet reading: "OVERTURN THIS!"

VAR went from influencing matches to driving the global news cycle.

The controversies have become so intense that FIFA altered its own review procedures in the middle of the tournament, moving from a centralized operation in Dallas to placing dedicated VAR officials inside every remaining stadium.

FIFA head of refereeing Pierluigi Collina defended the integrity of match officials while condemning conspiracy theories and personal attacks, but the governing body clearly recognized confidence in the system needed reinforcing.

Ironically, all of this has been tremendously good for business.

Every disputed review dominates the headlines, trends across social media and fuels debates from London to Buenos Aires. Every controversy keeps the World Cup firmly at the center of global conversation.

Love it or hate it, VAR has become soccer's ultimate reality show.

Now, with only four matches remaining, the top four teams in the FIFA world rankings could see their fate decided by a referee on a headset watching a monitor rather than the greatest players in the world creating their own legacies on the pitch.

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Committee chairman reversed Balogun

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

Even with the United States eliminated from the World Cup, the fallout from FIFA's decision to suspend the match ban for Folarin Balogun has continued as new details emerge of how FIFA's disciplinary committee reached its decision.

The committee chairman, Mohammad Al-Kamali of the United Arab Emirates, made the call on his own without asking any of the other 17 members for input, according to a report by The Times.

The new revelation only adds to the outcry over the decision and raises more questions as to why it was made in the first place.

Balogun, who had been one of the U.S.'s best players in the World Cup, ended up having little impact in the Americans' embarrassing 4-1 loss to Belgium in the Round of 16. The U.S. star had been given a red card for a controversial play in the win over Bosnia-Herzegovina, which carries an automatic suspension for the following match.

Al-Kamali was the one who gave him the one-match ban and then deferred it for a one-year probationary period, allowing Balogun to play against Belgium in the Round of 16.

The disciplinary committee chairman refused to answer questions when he was approached by the BBC over the weekend, keeping his head down and walking away as a reporter and cameraman tried to get him to speak.

FIFA has not commented on the report by The Times.

The decision to lift the automatic one-match ban sparked a backlash among other nations and fans that only grew after President Donald Trump told reporters he called FIFA president Gianni Infantino over the initial red card.

Trump said he asked Infantino to review the red card but "didn't tell him what to do."

"Yes, I regularly discuss matters related to the FIFA World Cup with the President of the United States, and on this matter, I did receive a call from President Donald Trump, just as I re-

ban on his own

SEEING RED: Switzerland's Breel Embolo was the latest to suffer at the hands of VAR, getting shown a second yellow for diving that handed Argentina all of the momentum Saturday.

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ceive calls from heads of state, government officials, football stakeholders and business executives from around the world on many different issues," Infantino said in a statement addressing the matter. "During our conversation, I explained that there was an ongoing legal process involving FIFA's independent judicial bodies and that the case would be decided in due course by the competent bodies. That is how FIFA's system works, and it is a principle that I will always uphold."

Infantino is facing an ethics complaint over the issue and Trump's potential involvement.

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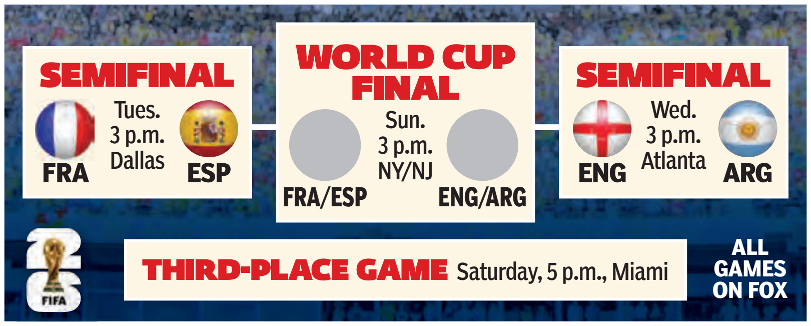

Ethan Sears

FOR all the worries about the World Cup's expansion to 48 teams, FIFA could hardly have imagined a better outcome.

With a few one-game exceptions, the competition never seemed watered-down. Instead of a reason to trim back to 32, the relative lack of jeopardy on the last day of the group stage seems a reason to expand to 64, as Gianni Infantino has already advocated in an interview with Swiss media outlet Bluewin.

And still, the last four teams standing are the four that many neutral fans will have wanted to see. The semifinals and final promise to be thrilling box office, starting with Spain and France deep in the heart of Texas on Tuesday before England faces Argentina on Wednesday in Atlanta.

Spain-France looks like the game of the tournament. They have been the two best teams in this World Cup. Spain has slowly grown into itself over the course of the tournament, allowing just one goal the whole way while dominating the ball in the manner of Vicente del Bosque's serial winners who handed the country its sole World Cup victory in 2010. France has been Napoleonically imperial throughout, mowing through every challenger and making it all look easy.

Lamine Yamal was right, though, in asserting that his team is the one that looks best equipped to knock out the two-time reigning finalists.

"If France should fear anyone, it's us," Yamal, the 18-year-old Spanish wonderkid, said after La Roja's quarterfinal win over Belgium. "We have knocked them out [before]. We beat them two times [at Euro 2024 and last year's UEFA Nations League]. Honestly, I think we're the two best teams at the World Cup so we'll see what happens, but we do not have any fear."

Nor should they. Spain has had more of the ball than any team at this World Cup, 66 percent in total per FotMob, and that alone poses a massive challenge for France. The only two goals Les Bleus have allowed all tournament came while leading 2-0 in stoppage time against Senegal and against a completely rotated Norway. They haven't been punched in the mouth yet, let alone seriously challenged over 90 minutes.

Spain, with its depth, with the embarrassment of riches in midfield — Rodri, Pedri, Fabián Ruiz, Dani Olmo, Yamal, Alex Baena — and with its ball possession, seems poised to ask real questions of the French.

So too the other way around.

France's counterpress can be a weapon here. The way Marc Cucurella and Pedro Porro push up the field will leave space in behind for Ousmane Dembélé and whoever Didier Deschamps picks between Désiré Doué or Bradley Barcola. Tactically, there is no more fascinating matchup than this one.

And then, England-Argentina. Where the first semifinal will be a chess match, the second will be an occasion. England has already overcome its demons at the Azteca, where Diego Maradona's Hand of God sank it in 1986. Can the Three Lions overcome La Albiceleste itself, and Maradona's successor, Lionel Messi?

There is so much history here. Antonio Rattín's 1966 red card. Maradona at the Azteca. David Beckham's red card in 1998, then his redemption from the penalty spot in 2002. The Falklands War. It does feel a bit like England has spent the summer going through a gauntlet of its own spiritual demons, only to arrive at the biggest.

Underpinning those storylines is that neither of these teams has looked like the best version of itself quite yet at this World Cup. Thomas Tuchel wasn't wrong Saturday in criticizing his team's performance; rather, England doesn't seem to have yet found its best 11, let alone its highest level. Argentina, too, has been so dependent on moments of magic, mainly from Messi.

Both have gotten plenty of luck on their sides too: England with the Sky Cam against Norway, Argentina with highly controversial reviews going their way against Egypt and Switzerland. They are the most emotionally charged teams of the tournament, the two whose guile and heart have gotten them this far more so than sheer quality.

The prospect of a France-Argentina final rematch is mouthwatering. Any combination, though, would be deserving. Spain-England would be a rematch as well of the 2024 European final. We will all be spoiled rotten over the next week.

"The last two to three minutes before the match I feel very alive," Tuchel said Saturday night. "This is where I want to be. I don't want to be anywhere else in the world in these minutes. And in this very moment, nowhere else in the whole wide world."

There is nowhere else anyone would want to be than these games. What could be better?

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FAST LEARNER

Yanks prospect Grable's four-seamer now ultimate weapon after grip switch

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

PHILADELPHIA — There is nothing unique about the Yankees developing a hard-throwing and effective reliever, the type the club regularly churns out (and regularly deals at the trade deadline).

There is nothing unique about the Yankees finding a gem later in the draft, a recent organizational strength that is on display this week with first-time All-Stars Ben Rice and Cam Schlittler.

So maybe Ben Grable, an 11th-round pick out of Indiana University last year who has sawed through competition at High-A Hudson Valley and Double-A Somerset, making him a late addition to Sunday's All-Star Futures Game, is not unique.

On the mound, though, there really is no major leaguer like him.

Grable said he is averaging 96.1 mph with his four-seamer and about 20.5 to 21 inches of induced vertical break — essentially the movement generated from how the ball spins. The more vertical break, the more the ball seems to rise (and the more hitters tend to swing under the pitch).

There are three qualified major leaguers (Alex Vesia, Tobias Myers and Dylan Lee) whose four-seamers average 20 inches of vertical break. None has a fastball that buzzes at even 94 mph.

There are plenty of pitchers whose fastball are as fast as Grable's, but none fight gravity like his four-seamer. The closest comparison might be the Padres' Jeremiah Estrada, whose heater has averaged 95.8 mph with 19.8 inches of vertical break this year. In the past three years in San Diego, Estrada has often been untouchable with a 3.26 ERA and 225 strikeouts in 154 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

That is as close to company as exists for Grable, whose fastball's combination of velocity and spin makes it like no one else's.

"When I got to Indiana, they sort of taught us the metrics and all that," Grable said before throwing two pitches and recording one out in a brief appearance at the Futures Game. "I didn't really know how good it was until I got into New York."

The 6-foot-4 right-hander was not the first choice to represent the organization at Citizens Bank Park — George Lombard Jr. and Carlos Lagrange were scratched with injuries — but he was a worthy choice in what has been a quietly incredible season.

His 2.61 ERA is good. His peripheral numbers are better. Among the 1,602 affiliated minor leaguers who have thrown at least 30 innings (Grable has thrown 31 innings in 28 relief appearances), Grable ranks fourth in WHIP (0.77), 16th in strikeout percentage (40.2 percent) and eighth in opponents' batting average (.127) while walking 2.90 per nine innings.

A Southern California native who pitched two years at Northwestern and one at Indiana, Grable underwent Tommy John surgery in 2024. He returned to start and relieve for the Hoosiers, posting a 4.31 ERA in his final collegiate season before becoming one of 10 pitchers the Yankees drafted last year (and the first to shoot through the system).

He is a different pitcher than he was at college, where he said his fastball averaged 92 mph at Indiana and where he threw a different slider.

He said he "cleaned up my mechanics," now pitches exclusively from the stretch, worked on a fastball the Yankees believed "can be a whole lot better" and watched his velocity spike.

"It's a unique profile and shape in comparison to a lot of other fastballs out there," said Somerset manager James Cooper, who was the AL's third base coach. "Just when teams were starting to figure that out, that's when he started landing the secondary stuff, and I think that's what's been making him special."

His tight slider is not unique, but that is kind of the point: Seeking a different grip about a month and a half ago, Grable wound up watching a Pitching Ninja online interview with Reds All-Star Chase Burns. He scrolled through the video feed, found the grip and tried it because, "I figured he's got a pretty good slider, similar heater shape."

The next day Grable threw it during a touch-and-feel bullpen session. He then took the mound that night and "punched [out] three," he said, with what would become his new slider.

"He's been able to dominate the game with those two pitches," Cooper said.

The domination brought him to a showcase and a seventh-inning face-off with star Brewers prospect Luis Peña, who flied out on the second pitch and first slider he saw.

Grable's takeaway?

"It's pretty fun to pitch in a big league stadium."

WILLING AND GRABLE: Ben Grable, an 11th-round pick last year, throws in the Futures Game on Sunday. Grable features a four-seamer with a unique combination of velocity and spin. Getty Images

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Yanks draft son of Pettitte

By GREG JOYCE

WASHINGTON – There's another Pettitte entering the Yankees organization.

The club drafted Luke Pettitte, son of longtime Yankee left-hander and current special adviser Andy Pettitte, with its eighth-round pick Sunday.

Luke Pettitte, 21, is a two-way player who did not pitch this spring at Dallas Baptist after undergoing Tommy John surgery last year, serving as the DH and hitting 16 home runs in 42 games. It remains to be seen how the Yankees will use the right-hander, assuming he signs.

Aaron Boone was genuinely excited to learn the Yankees had selected Pettitte after his team finished a sweep of the Nationals on Sunday.

"We did? Oh yeah!" Boone said after a 5-3 win. "Heck yeah! Oh, I'm fired up."

According to Baseball America, Pettitte has "some of the best command in the 2026 [draft] class." Boone added that as a hitter, Pettitte has "big power" and "pretty good genes" from a pitching standpoint.

Andy Pettitte, who coached his sons in high school, pitched 15 seasons in pinstripes and won five World Series titles before rejoining the organization in 2023. He is around the club occasionally, working specifically with the pitching staff, and has served as an important mentor for a number of arms, including Cam Schlittler.

"Andy's become a really good friend now," Boone said. "He's not here, but they know he's around a lot and a big part of our staff and our culture. Getting to know Luke and his journey and his story — having Tommy John and going out and raking in college this year.

"That fires me up."

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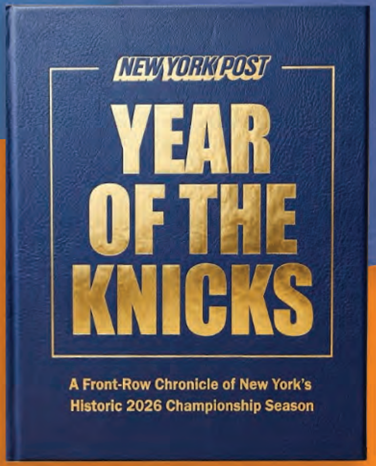
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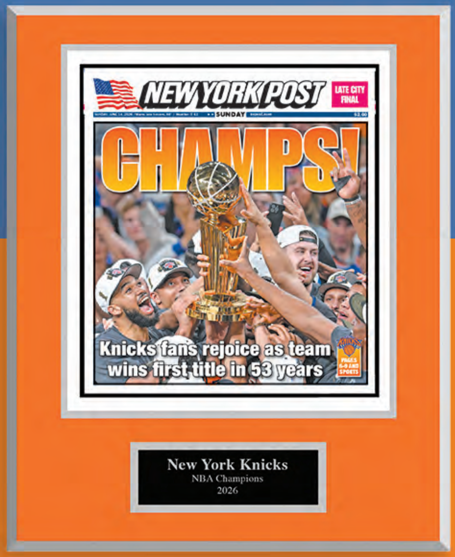
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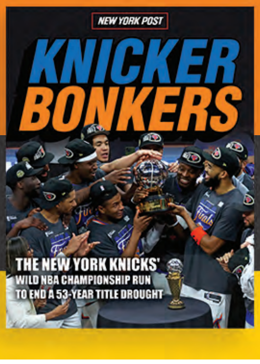
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A STEARNS CHALLENGE

6 steps for Mets prez to fix his mess

PHILADELPHIA — Mets baseball president David Stearns has maybe his toughest assignment ever now, which is to clean up the mess he's made.

We don't discount the possibility he can do it, as he helped turn tiny-market Milwaukee into a perennial winner. But it's going to take a near-perfect summer and winter after two straight disastrous offseasons in which he mostly collected the infirmed and underperforming.

"The Mets are a mess," one major league scout said, succinctly summing up the situation.

Cleanup on 41 Seaver Way begins soon.

Our recommendations:

1 Consider trading everyone but Juan Soto, Carson Benge, A.J. Ewing, Nolan McLean and Christian Scott at the deadline. Superstar shortstop Francisco Lindor has a full no-trade and "isn't going anywhere," according to a friend, so we will assume he stays, too. Bo Bichette's slow start offensively and odd contract with opt-outs each year and a $5M bonus to leave (yes, he bags $5M to opt out!) might make him untradable. Luke Weaver is terrific, New York-proven and has a year to go at $11M, but he's of greater value to a contender, so he should probably go. As should almost anyone else of value. Freddy Peralta, Clay Holmes, Weaver, Devin Williams, A.J. Minter, Brooks Raley, Huascar Brazobán, Francisco Alvarez, Luis Torrens and just about anyone else need to be dangled to bring back players who can help in 2027 and beyond.

2 Pay closer attention to a player's known ability to stay on the field. Stearns suggested they would look into that issue, and they absolutely need to adjust. All-time Mets home run leader Pete Alonso — who missed zero time after rolling over in his Jeep and hasn't missed a game in a couple of years — is the kind of player who needs to be valued. Meantime, habitually absent types like Luis Robert Jr. and Jorge Polanco should be avoided.

3 Consider who can play in New York. It probably is no coincidence that Stearns' best moves are signing Holmes, Weaver, Torrens and Luis Severino, all of whom came from the Yankees. Soto is the best overall move and he came from the Yankees, too, but we'll credit that one to owner Steve Cohen's desires, efforts and bankroll. Queens is apparently a difficult transition unless you were already in The Bronx.

4 Hire more ex-players for the front office (and scouts, too). J.D. Martinez, who helped spark the 2024 miracle, was a great add. But we need more of that. The analytics-to-scout ratio in the organization is lopsided with no more than a half dozen MLB scouts. No issue with scores of analytics people, but a balance would be nice.

5 Bring in a legit first baseman. Alonso, one scout says, is the type of guy they need. The Mets never made an offer, not because Alonso colorfully challenged Stearns at their 2025-saving meeting in Tampa, telling him, as The Post reported, that "when my career is being evaluated for the Hall of Fame, you'll still be fiddling with your [bleeping] formulas," but because any over-30, right-handed-hitting slugging first baseman doesn't fit any analytic model. Well, they replaced him with a quartet of non-first basemen, none of whom showed they're worthy of starting, much less replacing a legend. "Letting Pete walk might be a top five worst decision by an organization the last 20 years," one scout said. We aren't sure about that, but if you're going to alienate the fans, you'd better be right.

6 Spend liberally. Unfortunately, the timing isn't great considering there aren't a lot of game-changers who are free agents. (Jazz Chisholm Jr., Taylor Ward, Luis Arraez, Daulton Varsho, Brandon Lowe, Ian Happ, Seiya Suzuki, Randy Arozarena and Ryan Jeffers are about the best of the bunch.) Maybe they will need to go big for starting pitchers, and they're needed, too. Tarik Skubal is the kind of guy Cohen normally targets, and while there are risks there, he's easily the most impactful free agent.

David Stearns

Robert Sabo

Giants won't deal Lee, Webb

THE GIANTS are sending the message nearly everyone is available but outfielder **Jung Hoo Lee** and ace **Logan Webb**. But in their condition, perhaps they could be talked into it.

Webb would bring a haul in a diminishing starting pitching market.

There's no guarantee now that **Tarik Skubal**, **Sonny Gray** or **Sandy Alcantara** will be traded, with the Tigers, Red Sox and Marlins among the hottest teams in baseball.

The Marlins are in playoff position, and while they had taken offers on Alcantara previously, they never countered anyone.

The injury-wrecked Royals control starters **Michael Wacha** and **Seth Lugo** for two more years (including club options for 2028), so they're grappling with whether to move them. ...

With **Ryan Jeffers** and **Hunter Goodman** among logical Yankees catching targets, it was interesting to see both teams use high picks on catchers, with Minnesota taking **Vahn Lackey** (No. 3 overall) out of Georgia Tech and Colorado selecting Golden Spikes winner **Daniel Jackson** from the University of Georgia.

Foes worry about Skubal to Dodgers

RIVALS worry that the Dodgers might be underselling their interest in **Tarik Skubal**.

Dodgers people have suggested they have limited interest in Skubal since **Blake Snell** and **Tyler Glasnow** are working their way back to join their three All-Star starters: **Shohei Ohtani**, **Yoshinobu Yamamoto** and **Justin Wrobleski**.

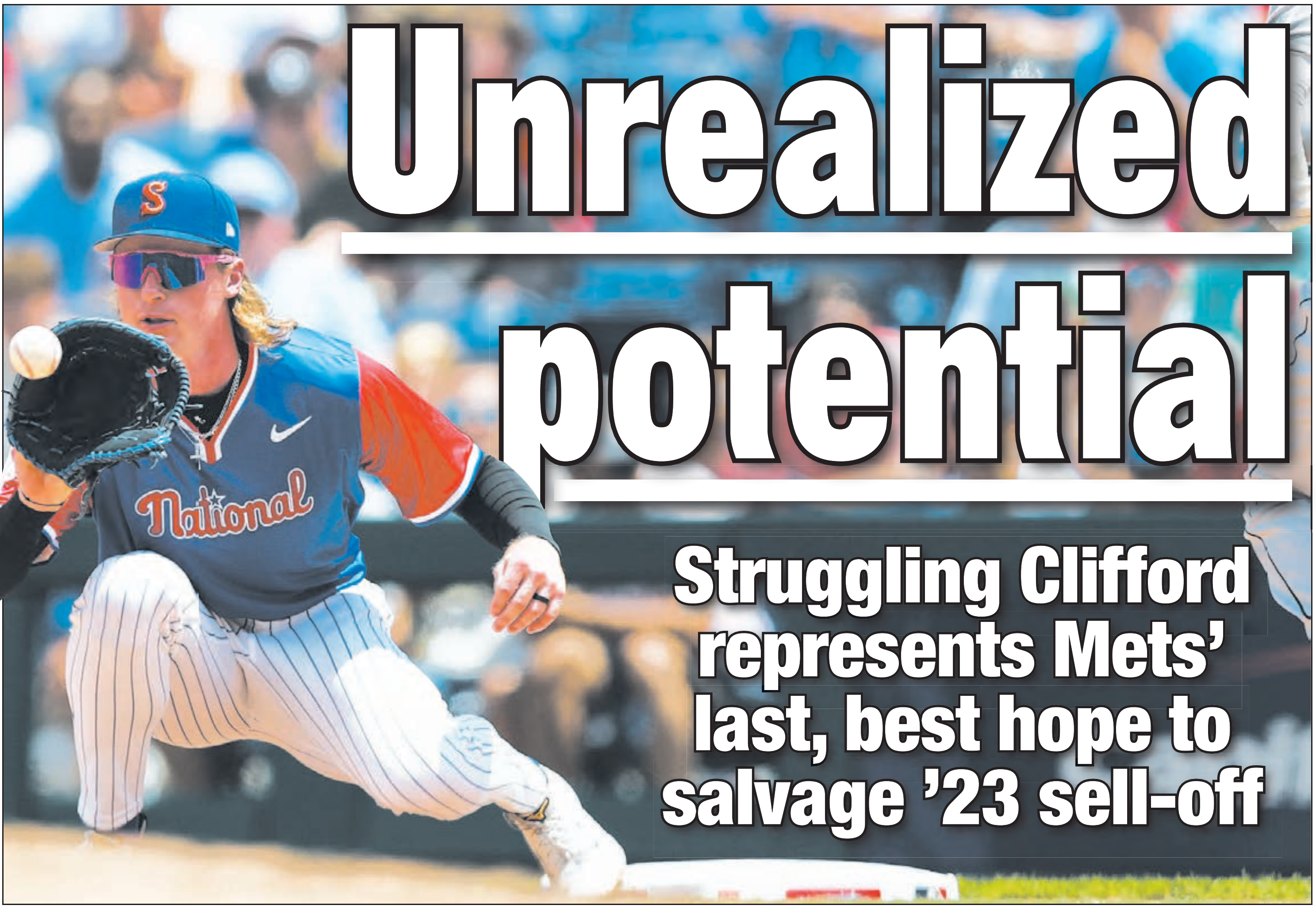
However, the Dodgers are not only the best team in the majors, they also boast the top prospect group and spare no expense. Of course, there's no guarantee with Snell or Glasnow, either.

The Braves, Phillies, Cubs or Brewers acquiring Skubal might even things out a bit atop the NL.

The Dodgers are especially deep in outfield prospects. One of them, **Mike Sirota**, who's at the Futures Game, is the grandnephew of Yankees Hall of Fame pitcher **Whitey Ford**, who reportedly advised him not to become a pitcher. Sirota, who grew up in Broad Channel, has an active on-base streak of 58 games.

Unrealized potential

Struggling Clifford represents Mets' last, best hope to salvage '23 sell-off



CLIFF' NOTES: Ryan Clifford joined the Mets as part of the return in the Justin Verlander trade to the Astros in 2023. Despite not playing up to expectations, Clifford represented the Amazin's at Sunday's All-Star Futures Game in Philadelphia. Getty Images

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

PHILADELPHIA — Drew Gilbert (acquired from the Astros for Justin Verlander) is now with the Giants. Luisangel Acuña (Max Scherzer) is with the White Sox. Justin Jarvis (Mark Canha) is pitching in independent ball. Jeremiah Jackson (Dominic Leone) is with the Orioles. Marco Vargas is struggling with Double-A Binghamton and Ronald Hernandez is with High-A Brooklyn (David Robertson). Jeremy Rodriguez (Tommy Pham) has not yet made it past Low-A St. Lucie.

There is a chance that the Mets' best hope at salvaging big league value from their 2023 sell-off rests in Ryan Clifford's powerful, if flawed, stroke.

The first baseman and outfielder arrived with Gilbert as the return for Verlander and was one of the many newcomers who brought hope for an organization that had given up on the season, just as the Mets are expected to soon give up on this year.

But the haul — while somewhat useful, Acuña and Gilbert included in additional trade packages — has not yet panned out as planned, Clifford included.

The slugger represented the Mets at Sunday's All-Star Futures Game because a) he has real pop, with 16 home runs in 86 games and b) the Mets farm system has lacked breakouts this season, prompting New York to send a loud bat who owns just a .679 OPS. Clifford himself said he was surprised at the honor.

His presence served as a reminder of what could be and what has not been: The ability is alluring, but the strikeouts are abundant.

With Triple-A Syracuse this year, the 22-year-old has struck out 129 times in 86 games, a 36.4 percent strikeout rate that is higher than every qualified major league hitter. The dearth of contact has contributed to a .196 batting average.

The struggles culminated in a horrid June, hitting .099 with a .355 OPS and 39 strikeouts in 93 plate appearances.

"June was not a good month for me," acknowledged Clifford, who attributed his down season to swing changes made last season that "just don't work for me anymore."

Last season — a good one, Clifford swinging his way out of Binghamton and getting his first taste of Syracuse — he adjusted his posture and tried to stay back more. All his life he had dived his front shoulder in, and he tweaked his approach so he was less aggressive with the lunge. It worked.

"I want to say [Marcus] Semien was the guy who said it," Clifford said. "He's like, 'All feels have an expiration date.' "

That approach expired in June, and Clifford is now working on finding a balance between staying back and diving in. Through the tiny sample size of eight July games in which he has posted an .816 OPS with a pair of home runs, he believes he is closer to finding "that middle ground," he said.

Perhaps a late-season hot streak can translate to a promotion — for a prospect who is eligible for the Rule 5 draft this winter, anyway — that he has been craving. Regardless, though, Clifford looms as another instance of poorly timed regression within the Mets system.

Only the Mariners and Diamondbacks have received less value from their first basemen this season, according to Baseball Reference WAR. The Mets' first basemen entered Sunday with a .648 OPS, which was the second-worst in the game. A hobbled Jorge Polanco, Jared Young, Mark Vientos, Brett Baty and Eric Wagaman have not been the answer in a post-Pete Alonso world.

Clifford could not separate himself and be the answer at first either, just like Jonah Tong and Jack Wenninger were not ready in time to save this Mets season.

There is still time to save some value from the trade-deadline haul.

On Sunday at Citizens Bank Park, Clifford saw six pitches from fellow lefty Jamie Arnold and walked without taking a cut, showing discipline in a showcase spot in which "I was ready to swing," he said.

He feels better at the plate. It is worth reiterating he is 22.

"Trying to find new things that work [at the plate] took a little bit longer, obviously, than I would have liked," Clifford said. "But looking to build and continue to have a good July."

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Despite hiccups, Williams to remain in closer role

By DAN MARTIN

Devin Williams' blown save Sunday wasn't as much on the closer as it was on Francisco Lindor's ninth-inning error, but Williams was hardly blameless.

After struggling for most of his time with the Yankees last season, Williams has been inconsistent — at best — with the Mets and has allowed runs in three of his past four outings heading into the All-Star break.

Despite that — and that another former Yankee, Luke Weaver, has been excellent — interim manager Andy Green said Williams isn't going anywhere and will still be the closer in the second half of the season.

Asked if he was considering a change following a 3-2, 10-inning loss to Boston, their third straight defeat, Green said, "Not at this point."

He struggled early with the Mets and then had a solid 10-appearance stretch, but has fallen on hard times again.

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Williams said of his outing Sunday, "I didn't have my best command by any means. That's the way it goes sometimes."

Weaver, meanwhile, has been outstanding after coming over from The Bronx.

But Green pointed to Williams' experience as his reason for keeping him in his role.

"Devin has done it so long and done it really well," Green said.

He also noted that Williams — at least Sunday — was the victim of some misfortune.

In addition to Lindor's error, there was also a bloop single by Jarren Duran that scored a run.

Still, Williams ended up allowing a pair of hits and two walks in the fateful inning.

➤ **Bo Bichette** was out of the lineup for a third straight game to close out the first half as he continues to deal with right ankle soreness.

Bichette pinch hit in the bottom of the 10th and hit a soft liner to first to end the game.

Green said before the game Bichette would be limited to pinch hitting as the team looked to use the upcoming break to give him more time off. Bichette said he would be ready to play Thursday in Philadelphia.

➤ **Marcus Semien** (left hip flexor strain) homered and had a pair of hits in a minor league rehab game with Double-A Binghamton on Sunday. Green said Semien and **Luis Robert Jr.** (lumbar spine disc herniation) would get some at-bats against **Clay Holmes** over the All-Star break as all three prepare to return at some point in the second half.

Robert also had two hits with Binghamton on Sunday, with Green saying both he and Semien would likely get more rehab games following the break.

Thornton makes case for rotation

By DAN MARTIN

Zach Thornton hasn't found a way to stick in the Mets rotation this season.

That may change after his performance Sunday, perhaps the lone bit of optimism after another disappointing defeat.

The rookie left-hander, who lacks a dominant repertoire, has impressed the organization with his ability to make the most of his arsenal.

He did it again in a 3-2, 10-inning loss to Boston, when he tossed seven shutout innings against a solid lineup.

Interim manager Andy Green said the 24-year-old would make his next start in the majors, which is hardly a surprise considering the state of the rotation.

"He attacked, was aggressive and had tempo," Green said. "He missed barrels. ... For us, that is what we want to see out of him."

It's more than they have seen from most of their rotation, which consists of Nolan McLean, Christian Scott and Sean Manaea, as well as Freddy Peralta — who figures to be moved prior to the Aug. 3 trade deadline.

Thornton said he relied on throwing all five of his pitches for strikes, which is how he can get by with a four-seamer that typically sits in the low 90s.

"It's the way I grew up watching the game," Thornton said, noting Jacob deGrom as an example.

"DeGrom would go seven or eight innings every time, through the lineup three or four times," Thornton said.

Thornton's stuff won't often be confused with deGrom's, but his results Sunday were more than the Mets could have asked for.

His previous two outings came with Triple-A Syracuse, but Thornton had already pitched well against the Phillies in his second start in the majors this season.

He allowed just two hits and a pair of walks over his seven innings and needed just 82 pitches to do so.

Thornton hardly broke a sweat through the first four innings. He retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced, allowing only a leadoff walk in the second to Romy González before Andruw Monasterio doubled with one out in the fifth.

Asked if he thought he belonged in the majors, Thornton said, "I think I belong anywhere."

"He's unafraid," Green said. "We're seeing who he is. He attacks everybody at every level."

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ABOUT TO BREAK

Dropped double-play ball unravels Mets, who lose in 10 on eve of All-Star pause

By DAN MARTIN

As the Mets head into the All-Star break looking at three days off, it seems fair to ask: Can they take more time off?

There are no signs that what was a long, miserable and disappointing first half isn't going to get worse in the second half.

RED SOX	**3**	**10 innings**
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Even though a win Sunday over the Red Sox almost certainly wouldn't have fixed what ails them, it would have given the Mets some positive vibes, albeit temporarily.

But then a routine double-play ball that could have ended the game was hit to Francisco Lindor, and the typically surehanded shortstop booted it to extend the inning.

A pair of walks and a bloop hit given up by Devin Williams allowed the Red Sox to tie the game, and a run in the 10th gave Boston a 3-2 win, its ninth in a row.

"I didn't finish the play," Lindor said of his crucial miscue. "It's unacceptable. It's not up to the standard I have or the organization's standard. I've got to be better."

That could have also summed up the first half, as the Mets fell to 40-57.

Only the Rockies have a worse record in the National League.

They open the second half Thursday in Philadelphia and it's hard to imagine they could sink much lower.

"It hasn't been fun," Williams said of his first season in Queens. "There's not a lot of celebrating going on in this clubhouse right now. We'll take a couple days off, show up and try to do it again."

That strategy hasn't worked this season, one that started with lofty expectations and a rich payroll.

The home sweep at the hands of the Red Sox ended with Brooks Raley allowing the free runner to score on a sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th and the Mets unable to push a run across in the bottom of the inning.

It helped waste a brilliant outing from rookie left-hander Zach Thornton, who tossed seven shutout innings in his third major league start and a scoreless eighth from Luke Weaver.

The Mets lineup got a run in the bottom of the first when A.J. Ewing doubled and scored on Lindor's two-bagger, and Lindor added another run with a homer in the sixth.

Those key hits were overshadowed by his mistake in the ninth in a season filled with uncharacteristic errors by Lindor.

"It comes down to we've got to be better," said Lindor, who added of the first half: "It wasn't good. It's not to the standard we have here. It's definitely not what we expected."

Lindor and interim manager Andy Green lamented the team's lack of execution, not only late in Sunday's game, but throughout the season.

On Sunday, Boston's Ceddanne Rafaela was on first in the ninth

HARD TO GRASP: Francisco Lindor reaches in vain for a ball that would have been a game-ending double play but, instead, became another painful loss for the Mets, 3-2 in 10 innings to the Red Sox on the eve of the All-Star break. Corey Sipkin; Robert Sabo

and Williams induced a grounder from Romy González right at Lindor.

Williams then walked Caleb Durbin to load the bases for Andruw Monasterio, who walked to force in a run.

Jarren Duran then blooped a single to right to tie the game before Boston went ahead in the 10th.

"He's been great his entire career and I have a ton of confidence he'll be great in the second half," Green said of Lindor.

But their issues run up and down the roster.

"This was a tough first half in many respects," Green said. "We have to take a level of ownership of it ourselves. Every single person on this team has a level of responsibility to flip the script going into the second half."

Green insisted the Mets have "too much talent in the room to be in this spot" and was confident better execution would get them out of it.

"We're capable," Lindor said. "We've got some work to do."

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No excuse for folding with Sawx dealt similar hand

THE METS ended their first half fittingly — with humiliation, despair and misery.

They have no excuses for being this bad, 17 games under .500 and adding to their litany of most embarrassing seasons ever. And to emphasize why no alibis should be allowed, they were swept into the All-Star break by the Red Sox, who have had all of their pathologies yet are doing what the Mets lacked the temerity, consistency and leadership to do: They are pulling themselves out of hopelessness.

Joel Sherman

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? Devin Williams reacts on the mound after walking in a run in the ninth inning as the Mets continued their downward spiral against a Red Sox team that was in a similar position but pulled itself out of the doldrums. Corey Sipkin

The Red Sox actually have had more impactful injuries than the Mets. They will see your Francisco Lindor sustained absence and raise that their top three shortstops — Trevor Story, Marcelo Mayer and Isiah Kiner-Falefa all have endured long-term injuries. And their ace, Garrett Crochet, and best young player, Roman Anthony, struggled and then were lost early in the year with injuries with no clear sign when (if?) they will return this year.

The Mets can talk about how difficult it is to transition players and/or get out of a ditch collectively in a loud, big northeastern city. But if you don't own an atlas, that describes Boston, too — where more than half the fans are not rooting for a team in a different league and instead laser-focus blazing fury on the Red Sox during bad times.

Is it distracting to fire a manager like Carlos Mendoza? Yep. How about someone with way more accomplishments like Alex Cora?

Does it hover over the team when the top baseball executive is being relentlessly lambasted for being too analytical, non-communicative and ineffective like David Stearns? You bet, just ask Boston's Craig Breslow.

The Red Sox were being submerged by all of that with the American League's worst record at 32-46 through June 24 — or a game worse than the 34-46 Mets. Boston is 14-2 since, completing a sweep of a nine-game road trip with a 10-inning, 3-2 victory Sunday over the Mets. That has catapulted them from likely deadline sellers to a half-game out of the wild card.

Will they sustain this? They have a 10-game homestand that begins with a doubleheader Friday against the AL East-leading Rays and then go to the West Coast. At the least, they have gotten into the fight. Unlike Stearns and the Mets, who talked about run prevention and pitching depth but lack both, Boston has been terrific on defense, withstanding having Crochet, Kutter Crawford, Johan Oviedo and Patrick Sandoval for just seven starts. The Red Sox are fourth in the majors in ERA and third in outs above average on defense. The Mets are 19th and 27th.

Still, interim manager Andy Green offered that the club with the National League's second-worst record is "a better team than that. There's too much talent in the room to be in this spot right now."

It is probably the right thing to say. So is this: It could get worse. The Mets are sellers, so they are about to cut at quality and depth. The best of what can help from their farm system is in the majors now — their only "prospect" who played in Sunday's Futures Game was first baseman Ryan Clifford, who was hitting .196 and leading the International League with a 36.4 percent strikeout rate.

At some point in a lost season, the Mets may have to back off the innings of Nolan McLean and Christian Scott to think big picture. And the club facing the highest opponent winning percentage in the second half would be your Mets of New York. And they already are on pace for 95 losses.

"We just have not played up to our potential," Lindor said.

Lindor drove in the Mets' two runs Sunday with a double and homer, but then botched what should have been a game-ending double-play grounder in the ninth. And Devin Williams took that bad outcome and worsened it in a frame in which he yielded two hits, two walks and two runs.

Green, rightfully, tried to steer the postgame conversation to Zach Thornton, who in his third MLB start held the Red Sox to one run on two hits in seven innings. Thornton will join McLean, Scott, a revived Sean Manaea and Freddy Peralta in the second-half rotation.

Peralta, even struggling — as are nearly all of Stearns' main offseason acquisitions such as Williams, Bo Bichette and Jorge Polanco — is likely to be traded before the Aug. 3 deadline. Clay Holmes, working his way back from a fractured fibula, is probably gone, too. So are the stalwarts in the pen such as Brooks Raley and perhaps Huascar Brazobán and Luke Weaver. Lindor offered "no comment" twice when asked if he would waive his no-trade clause — but who is going to want a 32-year-old fielding and hitting below his standard with five years and $155 million remaining?

Lindor called his play "unacceptable" in the pregame Sunday and blamed himself for the Mets' ills. That was accountable of him. But good teams survive even a star missing or struggling. The Red Sox are doing so as they steadily crawl out from all of their ills.

The Mets, meanwhile, went to the break a broken squad.

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THE GREAT LATES

That was eerie: Yanks prove superior, finishing first half with third straight comeback in 8th or 9th

By GREG JOYCE

WASHINGTON — What Ben Rice did in the top of the eighth inning Sunday afternoon will not do him much good Monday night in the Home Run Derby.

But for the Yankees on Sunday, it was plenty good enough.

Rice drilled a two-out triple off the wall in left-center, scoring a pair of runs that turned another late deficit into a one-run lead en route to a 5-3 win over the Nationals, completing a sweep with comebacks in the eighth inning or later in all three games at Nationals Park.

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"That's the mentality we got to have," Rice said. "We go down in those later innings, just knowing we got some at-bats left. That's the mentality we need to carry into after the break."

The Yankees (54-42) flew into the All-Star break on a four-game winning streak, serving as something of a cleanse (they hope) from the stench of a terrible 5-15 stretch that preceded it. By the end of Sunday, they had inched within three games of the Rays for first place in the AL East.

"Feel like our first real taste of adversity in that 10-game stretch where I think we went 1-9 — to go onto a road trip and finish this one off 5-2, staring at that adversity, is a good response," manager Aaron Boone said. "But that's all it is. We're in July. We got a long ways to go in this. We've put ourselves in position to have a really special season. That's all to this point. We'll use this time to rest and recover and come ready to play for everything in the second half."

An awful Nationals bullpen had a helping hand in the sweep, blowing all three games after they led 3-2 in the ninth inning Friday, 2-0 in the eighth inning Saturday and 3-2 in the eighth inning Sunday. Jazz Chisholm Jr. delivered the big swing Friday, Trent Grisham on Saturday and Rice on Sunday, as the Yankees continued to receive production from different parts of the lineup to get back on track.

Their rotation also helped right the ship. Against the majors' highest-scoring offense, Ryan Weathers, Cam Schlittler and Will Warren combined to give up just four runs in 17 innings. Warren showed some grit Sunday after giving up a leadoff home run to budding superstar James Wood, throwing five scoreless innings after that.

"You get punched in the mouth, you got to stay in the fight," Warren said.

The Yankees have answered the same way of late after a brutal few weeks.

"There's a lot of outside noise, but collectively as a group in here, we're in a good spot," Warren said. "It's a long season. There's some bumps in the road for sure. I think everybody was kind of going through it. But we lean on each other and we have confidence we can win any day. I don't think that ever wavered."

Max Schuemann started Sunday's comeback with a two-out single against lefty Andrew Alvarez before Grisham drew a walk. Rice then came up and worked a tough at-bat before belting a deep fly ball that came a few feet shy of being his 30th home run. But he settled for a two-run triple that flipped the game and put the Yankees up 4-3.

They added an insurance run in the ninth on José Caballero's sacrifice fly, giving Paul Blackburn breathing room as he finished the six-out save when David Bednar and Fernando Cruz were not available.

The Yankees led 2-1 after five innings — on RBI singles from Chisholm and Austin Wells against Cade Cavalli — before the Nationals (48-49) tied it in the sixth on Curtis Mead's pinch-hit home run off Tim Hill and then took the lead in the seventh. Angel Chivilli had a runner on second and two outs when he induced a ground ball to second base that should have ended the inning, but after Chisholm made a sliding stop, he threw high to first base, allowing the runner to score and put the Nationals ahead 3-2.

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But as they did all weekend, the Yankees answered to head into the All-Star break feeling good about themselves.

"We're still out of first place, we got a long way to go," Rice said. "Hopefully we can keep the momentum going after the break."

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TRIPLE THREAT: Ben Rice points into the Yankees dugout after his eighth-inning two-run triple turned a one-run deficit into a one-run lead. Imagn Images

JOY OF SIX: Paul Blackburn (left) celebrates with Austin Wells after retiring all six batters he faced for his first career save outside of mop-up duty. AP

Blackburn closes things out in style

By GREG JOYCE

WASHINGTON — On a day when David Bednar and Fernando Cruz were not available, the Yankees turned to Paul Blackburn to close out the first half in style.

After they took a one-run lead in the top of the eighth, Blackburn entered from the bullpen for a six-out save and retired all six batters he faced to secure a 5-3 win over the Nationals on Sunday afternoon at Nationals Park.

It marked Blackburn's second career save — the other coming last season with the Mets, when he threw the final four innings of a blowout. This one was more traditional, showing just how far up the pecking order Blackburn has climbed with his strong relief work in the first half.

"Awesome," manager Aaron Boone said. "Paul's quietly pitched really well for us for the last 4-6 weeks and is really establishing a nice role down there. He's getting settled into the bullpen."

Since May 16, Blackburn has pitched to a 1.16 ERA in 20 appearances, striking out 26 and walking six in 31 innings.

Along the way, he has started to earn more high-leverage appearances in a bullpen where Boone's trustworthy options are thin beyond Bednar, Cruz and Brent Headrick.

Entering Sunday, both Bednar and Cruz had pitched on back-to-back days — including Bednar throwing two innings Friday — making them unavailable. Headrick had thrown 50 pitches over the previous three days.

"Obviously, down a few guys today, I knew if we could get it to him with a couple innings left, then he goes out and is really efficient," Boone said. "He's been really good and throwing the ball really well."

YANKEES NOTES

➤ **Max Fried** (left elbow bone bruise) threw 44 pitches across three simulated innings Saturday and "everything went well," Boone said. Assuming he continues to recover well during the All-Star break, he could begin a rehab assignment as early as Friday when the second half begins.

➤ **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) has responded well to three days of playing catch and is expected to throw "pretty much every day" this week, according to Boone.

"Possibly a bullpen in there at some point, we'll see," Boone said.

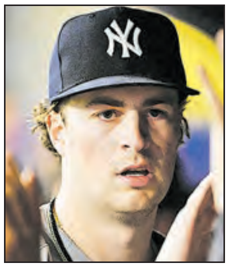
➤ On his 27th birthday, **Austin Wells** drilled an RBI single in the fifth inning to put the Yankees up 2-1. It marked his third RBI in the past four games after recording only 10 in his first 62 games.

Schlittler says he won't pitch in Philly ASG

By GREG JOYCE

WASHINGTON — Before John Schneider could snub Cam Schlittler for an All-Star start, the Yankees ace took himself out of the running.

After thinking for weeks that he would pitch in the All-Star Game on Tuesday — and potentially even start it, before Schneider, managing the AL team, decided to go with his own pitcher in Dylan Cease — Schlittler walked into Aaron Boone's office Sunday morning and informed him he wanted to pass.



CAM SCHLITTLER
Putting team first

"The staff's had a lot of injuries this year, so between Gerrit [Cole] and Max [Fried] and now Carlos [Rodón], don't want to put that risk in there of letting the team down," Schlittler said after a 5-3 win at Nationals Park. "If I were to not recover the right way and I'm dragging a little bit, then that wouldn't have benefited anyone.

"After the game [Saturday], just thought about it, and my priorities are to the team and how I can help this team win a championship. I wasn't comfortable enough that I was going to recover 100 percent to try to go out there for an inning and try to throw as hard as I can."

Schlittler, who said he feels "really good" physically, will technically be available to pitch as long as he remains on the AL roster, but in all likelihood he will not get into the game.

Schneider told Blue Jays reporters Sunday that he was going to start Cease "regardless" of Schlittler's availability and informed MLB of his decision Saturday night (Phillies ace Cristopher Sánchez will start for the National League).

Schlittler and Boone both said that the Yankees right-hander's decision came before they knew about Schneider starting Cease.

"Congrats to Dylan, he's been great this year, he deserves that," Schlittler said. "[But] that decision had nothing to do with my decision."

Schlittler finished the first half with the lowest ERA in the AL — 2.05 compared to Cease's 2.56, having thrown $20\,^{1}/_{3}$ more innings.

But Schlittler's $118\,^{2}/_{3}$ innings across 20 starts already have him on pace to blow past his previous career high ($149\,^{2}/_{3}$ innings last season), which may have played a role in his decision, especially at a time when the Yankees already have Fried and Rodón on the IL. The AL Cy Young favorite is also expected to pitch in the Yankees' showdown against the Dodgers next weekend.

"Obviously, he understands what's at stake here in the second half for us and for him," Boone said. "I'm certainly supportive of his decision."

Tuesday would have been Schlittler's between-starts bullpen day, but that is different from throwing in the All-Star Game, even if it only would have been an inning.

"I think the adrenaline there, it was probably going to be like 110 percent [effort]," Schlittler said. "And that's where you get a little bit nervous. I feel really good, so I'm not worried about that at all. I'm on the roster and if I need to throw, I'll throw. Just going to show up there, prepare the way I usually prepare and we're gonna see how it goes."

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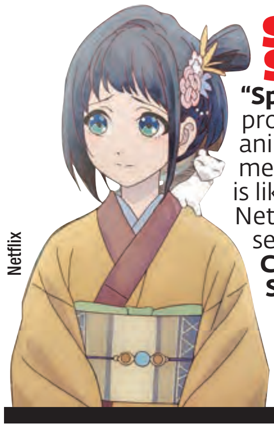

Netflix

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“Sparks of Tomorrow” has a lot of promise, and any fan of high-quality animation, original storytelling, and memorable characters is likely to enjoy this Netflix Original series. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

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WHAT TO WATCH

“Trying” — one of Apple TV’s sweetest, most underrated treasures — returned for its fifth season last week, and no surprise, the series is as charming and comforting as ever. “Trying” feels like a warm hug, like spotting a familiar face in a crowd, or collapsing on your couch after a long day. It’s a beautiful, witty celebration of unique families that stresses the importance of showing up for one another, and we pray it returns for many more seasons.

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

Why playing Reese Witherspoon’s bad boyfriend in ‘Legally Blonde’ ‘scrambled’ Matthew Davis’ head

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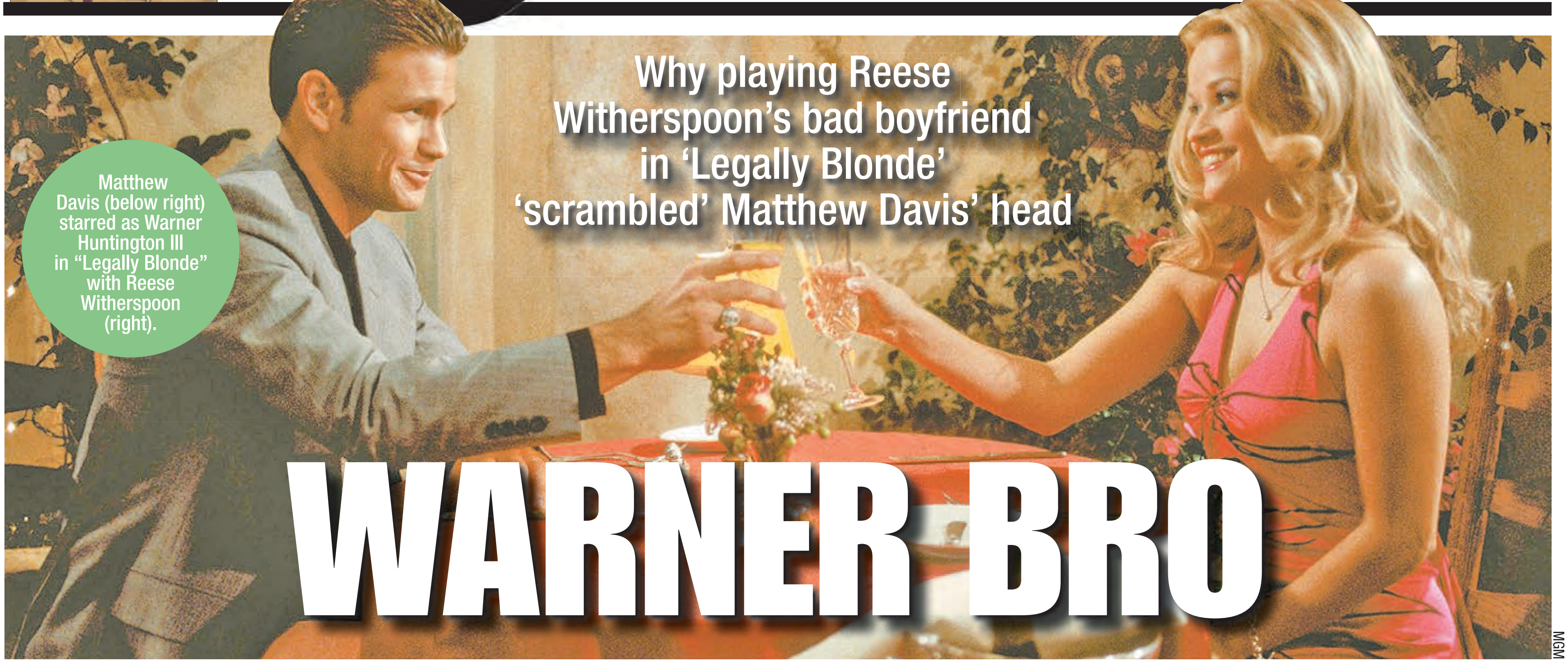

Matthew Davis (below right) starred as Warner Huntington III in “Legally Blonde” with Reese Witherspoon (right).

MGM

By LAUREN SARNER

HE’s pop culture’s ultimate bad boyfriend.

“Legally Blonde” star Matthew Davis, who played Warner Huntington III, exclusively told The Post that he “had no clue” the 2001 movie would become such a phenomenon when they initially shot it.

“I was 22 or 23 when I shot the film, and I had no clue what it was going to go on to become all these years later — to have it be such a cultural phenomenon that touched so many people’s lives,” the 48-year-old gushed.

Davis played Warner, Elle Woods’ (Reese Witherspoon) boyfriend who dumped her at the beginning of the movie as he went on to Harvard Law School. Claiming that she wasn’t “serious” enough to date, he was aghast when Elle followed him to law school.

Going down memory lane for the flick’s 25th anniversary, **“The Vampire Diaries”** actor told The Post that he recalls trying to “do [his] best to keep up, and stay out of the way” as a scene partner to Witherspoon.

“The very first scene I shot with Reese was the breakup scene in the restaurant,” he revealed, noting that he prepared for it to the best of his “limited ability at the time as a very young actor.”

“I thought I had a grasp on what it was,” he added. “[But] when I showed up to set, I didn’t see Reese. I saw Elle. I saw this force of nature.”

At the time, Witherspoon had already starred in hits like **“Fear”** and **“Cruel Intentions,”** while “Legally Blonde” was one of Davis’ first roles.

Watching the more experienced actress, he realized that he “needed to throw away everything that [he] thought [he] was doing.”

“It scrambled my mind at the time.... it became like a minor existential crisis,” he quipped, explaining that his only thought while filming was to “just keep up.”

“‘Just keep up with her, and you’ll be fine.’ And I just remember surrendering everything I had to just match what she was doing,” he added.

The **“Legacies”** actor said that, to this day, people regularly come up to him and tell him that “Legally Blonde” inspired them to go to law school.

He added, “Not a week goes by that I don’t have somebody texting me a picture of the movie [playing] on some flight that they’re on.”

Last month, Davis reunited with the “Legally Blonde” cast — including Witherspoon, Selma Blair, and Jennifer Coolidge — to celebrate the iconic movie’s 25th anniversary, and the release of the prequel series, **“Elle”** (now streaming on Prime Video).

The actor called Prime Video’s 25th anniversary celebration “a real treat,” explaining that the last time he saw Witherspoon was in 2001.

“It was warm and sweet, and it brought a lot of joy to my heart to see everyone looking so good,” he added.

However, Davis said it was especially nice to see Blair, 54, because he “had such a huge crush on her” when they worked together on the film.

“I was very new to Hollywood; I was very green,” Davis recalled of Blair, who played Warner’s law school fiancée, who eventually dumped him and befriended Elle.

“I think [Blair] saw that, and put me under her wing, a little bit. She was very kind to me, and I will always love her for that.”

Davis also confessed to us that he has yet to see “Elle” because his two young daughters, whom he shares with his ex-wife Kiley Casciano, have “hijacked” his TV with “kid stuff.”

“I wish it the absolute best, and I will do my part to watch the show... it’s definitely on the docket,” he promised.

HBO

TRENDING NOW

HBO teased a “plot twist” in store for fans of **“Mare of Easttown”** and **“Task.” Julianne Nicholson** (far left) will be reprising her “Mare of Easttown” role as Lori Ross in Season 2 of “Task,” as the two series exist in the same universe.

WHAT’S NEW

ON NETFLIX

“**Hot Ones: Extra Heat**,” a series of new **“Hot Ones”** specials.

ON THE CW

“**All American**,” the eighth and final season begins (left).

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

ACTION

Independence Day: 7:30 p.m. on FX. Will Smith, Bill Pullman. The aliens are coming and their goal is to invade and destroy Earth.

DRAMA

The Green Mile: 10 p.m. on AMC. Tom Hanks, **Michael Clarke Duncan**. A death row guard learns that a gentle giant possesses a mysterious gift.

TRAGEDY

Boyz n the Hood: 10 p.m. on VH1. Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr. Follows the lives of three young males living in the Crenshaw ghetto of L.A.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Neighborhood (R)	The Neighborhood (R)	FBI: Boy Scout (R)		CIA: Fatal Defect (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	New York Live	St. Denis Medical (R)	The Fall and (R)	American Ninja Warrior: Eastern Regional Finals				News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	The 1% Club: Singles Night		The Quiz with Balls: Harlem Globetrotters vs.		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro: The Journey		(9:01) RJ Decker: Pilot (R)		RJ Decker: Twenty Pounds of Clem in (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
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11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Big Salad	The Big Bang Theory	All American: Rewind		All American: There is No Competition		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Note
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Antiques Roadshow: Living History Farms Hour (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Living History Farms Hour (R)		Independent Lens: Flood (R)			Amanpour
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Patience: The Runes		Grantchester (R)		Downton Abbey		Lucy Worsley (R)		BBC News	The Day
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AMC	54	43	231	Worlds ★★½	The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. R ★★★★						The Green Mile (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks. R ★★★★			
BBCAM	71	101	189	League ★★★	The Outsiders (1983, Drama) C. Thomas Howell. ★★½				Stand by Me (1986, Drama) Wil Wheaton. R ★★★½				Law & Order	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		To Be Announced				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below (R)	Below Deck (R)		Below Deck		McBee Dynasty		Watch What	Next Gen NYC (R)		McBee (R)
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Search, 2		The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	
DISC	66	27	120	120 Hours	120 Hours (R)		Contraband: Seized at the Border: Episode 7				120 Hours: Leake County		120 Hours: Caddo Parish	
DISNEY	49	31	250	(5:55) Descendants (2015, Family) ★★½			Descendants 2 (2017, Family) Cameron Boyce. ★★½				Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	NBA Summer League Live.				NBA Summer League: Chicago Bulls vs Utah Jazz.				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	Baseball	Athletes Unlimited Softball: Blaze vs. Volts Live.				NFL Live		D. Foxworth		NBA Summer Live.	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works	
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FREE	38	49	199	Tarzan ★★★	Toy Story (1995, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G ★★★½				(8:55) Toy Story 2 (1999, Comedy) Tom Hanks. G ★★★				The 700 Club (R)	
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FX	10	40	53	(4:30) Bad Boys II (2003) R		Independence Day (1996, Science Fiction) Will Smith. PG-13 ★★★						Independence Day: Resurgence (2016)		
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Christmas Under the Stars (2019)			A Glenbrooke Christmas (2020) Autumn Reeser.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
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HIST	40	47	128	World War	World War II w. (R)		World War II w.		World War II w.		(10:03) History's Grea.		(11:05) World War II w. (R)	
ID	23	171	123	Fatal Vows	Fatal Vows: No Harmony		48 Hours on ID		Dead Influence		Lethally Blonde		A Killer Among Friends	
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MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Basketball			New York Knicks		New York Knicks		NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) Champ. Boxing Taped.			Fight Sports: EFC 351		Fight Sports: WCK 386		NHL Hockey Replay.			
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
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OWN	173	180	145	Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. PG						Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) Daniel Radcliffe.				
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SYFY	17	48	180	(5:30) Red 2 (2013, Action) Bruce Willis.			Violent Night (2022, Action) David Harbour. R ★★★					The Green Hornet (2011) Seth Rogen.		
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(5:15) Auntie Mame (1958, Comedy) ★★★			Carnal Knowledge (1971) R ★★★			(9:45) A Star Is Born (1976, Drama) Barbra Streisand. R ★★				
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		(9:02) Little Singles		(10:02) 90 Day: Last		(11:01) 90 Day Diaries (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	Dune: Part Two (2024)		Man of Steel (2013, Action) Henry Cavill. PG-13 ★½					Joker: Folie à Deux (2024, Musical) Joaquin Phoenix.			
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles Sparks at Atlanta Dream. Live.					Everything	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	19	52	217	Boyz n the Hood (1991) R		Enough (2002, Drama) Jennifer Lopez. PG-13 ★★½					Boyz n the Hood (1991, Drama) Laurence Fishburne.			
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds: Paradise		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	My Number	My Number: Mike Richter		My Number	My Number	My Number	Homegrown	Yankees	BK Show	BKFC Rewind	
HBO	511	301	400	Undertone (2026, Horror) Nina Kiri. R			House of the Dragon (R)		Life Larry	(9:43) Wuthering Heights (2026, Drama) Margot Robbie. R				
MAX	531	371	420	(5:53) Joker: Folie à Deux (2024) R ★★			The Shape of Water (2017, Fantasy) Sally Hawkins. R				(10:15) The Lobster (2015, Drama) Colin Farrell. R ★★★			
MGM Plus	595		395	The Saint (1997, Adventure) Val Kilmer.			The Westies		Westies	(9:45) Billy the Kid		Billy Kid	(11:20) Wildcat (2024) ★★½	
PARSHO	551	321	365	PrimalFear	Kiss the Girls (1997, Thriller) Morgan Freeman. R ★★★				The Chi: Cold Hearted		Molly's Game (2017, Drama) Idris Elba. R ★★★			

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Ben Rice rips a two-run triple in the eighth inning to erase a one-run deficit in the Yankees' eventual 5-3 win over the Nationals. The Yanks, who have won four straight overall heading into the All-Star break, beat up the Nats bullpen in all three games to complete the much-needed sweep.

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